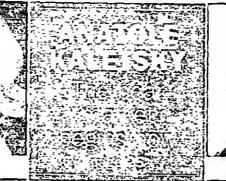
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Hand over Semtex, say Unionists

Our war is over now, says Adams

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

SINN FEIN moved to break the deadlock over IRA decommissioning last night with a statement that all but declared the war was over.

The violence we have seen must be for all of us now a thing of the past, over, done with and gone." Gerry Adams announced before President Clinton's arrival in Northern Ireland tomorrow. His party was "committed to exclusively peaceful and democratic means" and to "making conflict a thing of the past".

The Sinn Fein declaration came on the eve of the emergency recall of both the British and Irish parliaments today to pass new anti-terrorist laws after the Omagh bomb.

The statement was the first of a carefully-choreographed sequence of events devised by the British, Irish and American governments to enable Sinn Fein to join Northern Ireland's new shadow execu-

But while Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, the Taoiseach. welcomed the statement almost before it had been pubished, David Trimble, Northern Ireland's First Min-

ister, reacted cautiously. The Unionist leader, who had demanded an unequivocal statement that the war was over, said that "carefully crafted words alone are not enough" and that Sinn Fein should be judged by its acmeans the weapons of terrorism must be destroyed and all forms of paramilitary violence must cease for good."

Sinn Fein will shortly cap

last night's statement by appointing Martin McGuinness. who is allegedly a member of the the IRA's army council, as its representative to the international disarmament body.

Officials said they expected Mr Trimble, who has refused to speak to Mr Adams, to agree to meet the Sinn Fein president with other party leaders at Stormont.

Informed sources said the Unionists' final requirement before agreeing to Sinn Fein's participation in the shadow executive would be the decommissioning of a quantity of

IRA Semtex. The sources argued that Semtex, unlike guns, has no defensive use and there was therefore no possible republican argument for retaining it until the British military presence was scaled down and the Royal Ulster Constabulary reformed, However, senior Sinn Fein officials denied that that

was part-of the deal. If Mr Trimble did agree to a bilateral meeting with Mr Adams it would be "very tense and very frosty", said one Unionist source. The First Minister would insist not only on total decommissioning within two years, but on an end to all IRA punishment beatings, kneecappings, tar-

geting and surveillance. Downing Street called Mr Adams's statement cant and welcome".

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Secretary, said in should "help to create the necessary atmosphere of trust in the intentions of Sinn Fein and those with whom they are associated". Mr Ahern said it was "a further positive contri-bution by Sinn Fein to the building of confidence and

But hardline Unionists opposed to the Good Friday accord dismissed it as word games. They pointed to Mr Adams's past denials that he represented the IRA, and to the IRA's Sunday statement rejecting decommissioning.

The statement falls far short of a permanent end to their campaign", said Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic

Unionist Party.
Officials close to Mr
Trimble privately called it a "small step in the right direction", but said he would have to consult colleagues before

responding.

Mr Blair is to give his reaction to Mr Adams's statement today at the opening of the debate on the Criminal

spiracy) Bill. The Government has written fresh safeguards into the Bill. It explicitly makes plain that the word of a senior police officer alone will not be enough to secure the conviction of someone for being a member of a banned organisation outside the Northern ireland peace process.

The Bill itself does not name the organisations targeted. Those concerned are referred to as "proscribed organisations which are not maintaining a complete ceasefire".

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Patagonian commandos raising the flag on the Minquiers, where later PC Graeme Fitchett and his men restored British sovereignty

British bobby retakes reef for Queen

INJURSEY AND BEN MACINTIRE IN PARIS

A BRITISH bobby yesterday restored law and order to the most southerly outpost of the British isles. Hostilities with the non-existent kingdom of Patagonia were averted after a

flurry of diplomatic activity. Hours after an invasion force claimed the Minquiers (pronounced Minkees) archipelago in the English Channel as a Patagonian colony, PC Graeme Fitchett jumped from an inflatable dinghy and reasserted Her Majesty's rule over the tiny reef 12 miles south of

FROM PHILIP JEUNE In Paris the self-styled Patagonian Consul-General formally agreed to return the Union lack captured from the islands in the dawn raid.

The diplomatic crisis arose after Jean Raspail, a French novelist, maverick and diplomatic representative of the 19th century King Orelie-An-toine I of Patagonia, issued a statement on Monday announcing that the tiny British territory had been seized by Patagonian troops in retaliafion for Britain's "occupation" of the Falklands which M Raspail claims as part of the

Patagonian kingdom.
While maintaining the Patagonian royal claim to the

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rocks, M Raspail has now said he will present the captured flag to the British Embassy in Paris later this week. But even before the diplo maric breakthrough, the is-lands were formally retaken

avoid the rotting carcasses of dead seagulls and piles of bird droppings, he strode up the concrete jetty to the huts that. apart from birds nests, are the only dwellings on the reef. Watched by flocks of be-

mused cormorants and pulls. he gathered evidence of the Patagonian invasion, took photographs and watched with pride as the Union Jack was hoisted once again on the solitary flagpole.
The invaders, a crack force

Patagonian marines thought to number four, had replaced the British flag with the Patagonian version, nailed the Patagonian heraldic em-

by PC Fitchett. Taking care to blem to a hui, plastered the area with car stickers in Patagonian colours and, in a signal outrage, placed the lon - the rock's most important piece of architecture - under Patago-

nian sovereignty.
A Jersey couple. Peter and Anne Mourant, were the first to discover the Patagonian incursion when they arrived at the rock in their 40-foot cruiser for a barbecue. Noticing the strange flag. Mrs Mourant left her husband preparing lunch and went ashore, immediately going into action for Queen and country. She took down the Patagonian flag and stickers and informed her Continued on page 2. col 4

Pet quarantine may be ended

A new report recommends abolition of anti-rabies quarantine for pets travelling be-tween Britain, the rest of the EU and some other countries. Nick Brown, the new Agriculture Minister, is understood to be sympathetic to the

Hick dropped

proposal ...

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John Crawley was preferred to Graeme Hick for England's Australia tour. Bowlers Peter Such and Alex Tudor were surprise choices Page 40

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Clinton refuses to bail out Yeltsin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT CLINTON last night made an impassioned appeal to Russia to persist with economic reforms and warned everyone from President Yeltsin down to schoolchildren of the dangers of reverting to the failed policies of the country's communist

On the first day of his visit to Moscow, where summit meetings with Mr Yeltsin were overshadowed by Russia's deepening political and economic crises, the American leader offered moral support but no cash to bail out the country's bankrupt economy.

Mr Clinton told students at Moscow State University of International Relations that Russia's only salvation was to continue opening the country up to foreign investment and to obey the rules of the global

"I do not believe it is by reverting to the failed policies of the past. I do not believe it is by stopping the reform process in midstream | that Russia

will solve its problems," he said. "I believe you will create the conditions of growth if but only if - you continue to move decisively along the path of democratic, market-oriented constructive revolution."

Mr Yeltsin, unable to form a Government because of a hos tile communist-led parlia-ment, is under domestic pressure to revert to the Soviet-era policy of printing more money and nationalising failing industries. During his meeting with

Mr Clinton he hinted that he would have to make "tactical adjustments" and enlarge the state role in the economy to see the country through the rouble crisis. However, he insisted that he remained committed to the reforms of the past seven years. Mr Yeltsin was quoted as saying: "The country will follow the path of creating a market economy and democratic society."

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Vogue scraps launch party

Vogue magazine has cancelled next week's party to celebrate the launch of its Russian edition because of fears that it would be in bad taste considering the counby's economic crisis. Richard Beeston writes.

Conde Nast, Vogue's publishers, had invited some 400 guests including Karl Lagerfeld, Naomi Campbell, Donatella Versace, Domenico Dolce and Stefan Gabanna. However, the magazine has already been published and is being sold on the streets of Moscow, Cosmopolitan and Elle launched successful Russian editions in more prosper-

Barclays admits big Russian loss

BY RICHARD MILES AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

BECOMING the first British high street bank to admit its exposure to the growing financial crisis in Russia, Barclays yesterday announced that it has so far lost £250 million. City analysts believe other

banks will also have to set aside substantial sums to cov er losses caused by the sharp fall in the value of Russian shares and the Russian Government's decision to defer foreign debt payments.

Martin Taylor, chief execuove of Barclays, said the bank's total exposure to Russian banking and securities trading was £340 million, mostly in the form of government securities and credit with financial institutions. He added that the provisions were

very conservative". Growing fears that the problems in Russia could precipitate a global financial crisis caused another day of extreme volatility on world stock markets. In London the FTSE 100 ended 80.3 lower at 5169.1, having earlier traded 173 points down after sharp overnight losses in New York. But Wall Street reopened in upbeat mood, with the Dow nes marching 224.25 points higher to make good almost half of Monday's alarming 554-point setback.

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ITV companies decide to move News at Ten

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

THE ITV companies have decided after months of deliberation to move News at Ten to earlier in the evening. A formal application will be made to the Independent Television Commission within the next two weeks.

The companies will ask the Commission in time for its next meeting on September 17 for permission to run their main evening news at 6.30pm. The move is likely to cause political controversy because politicians have always liked the shop window that

News at Ten gives them. The House of Commons often divides at 10.15pm and many famous votes, such as the one to ioin the European Community and the 1979 vote that brought down the Callaghan Government, were shown live on News at Ten.

The ITV companies want to move the famous fixed spot in national viewing in order to create a more competitive schedule. Because of the 9pm threshold to protect children from more adult viewing ITV feature films and dramas are often interupted for 40 minutes by News at Ten followed by the regional

news. By the time the film resumes, a significant slice of the audience has gone to bed.

It is believed that the big three companies in ITV - Carlton, Granada and United - have been behind the plan to move News at Ten for some time but have been aware of the proposal's extreme sensitivity.

The first time the ITV companies tried to move the programme, in June 1993, the news leaked prematurely and everyone from John Major, the Prime Minister, and the late John Smith, the leader wrote to the ITC

expressing concern about the move. Mr Major's worry was that with ITV's main news bulletin moving to the early evening the BBC's Nine O'Clock News

would have no effective competition. The opponents at the time included the Archbishop of Canterbury and there was also a letter of concern from Buckingham Palace, but the chances are that the ITV companies will get their way this time.

The plan to move News at Ten to 6.30pm would almost certainly include a catchup-bulletin at 11pm, possibly lasting 15 minutes.

Minister to publish report urging end of rabies quarantine significant breach in laws in fore significant breach in laws



Anti-drug team switches focus to young people

TEENAGERS, women and ethnic minorities will be the targets of drug treatment leams as part of a £217 million boost to the Government's anti drug campaign announced

The new move follows growing concern in Whitehall that existing services have been aimed at white, middle-aged and middle-class abusers.

Keith Hellawell, the UK Drugs Co-ordinator and Special Adviser to the Prime Minister, warned that only one fifth of drug users needing help received treatment and that services for young people

were sparse. "We know that of those people who need treatment at the moment only about one fifth have treatment services available for them. We also know that young people as a group are becoming more involved in drugs, addicted to drugs but we are short of specific treatment services for them," Mr Hellawell told a press conference in Whitehall announcing the extra cash for the £1.4 billion-a-year anti-

He suggested that last week's examination results could have been affected by drug use among young people. An extra £10.5 million is to be pumped into Drug Action Teams to tackle local drug problems and to underresearch on abuse and the effectiveness of different treatment programmes. Mr Hellawell said: We don't

Women and racial minorities

are also targets in Government's

battle, writes

Richard Ford know how badly or whether

last week's exam results were affected by drugs. We do know that young people take drugs. such as cannabis, which does affect people's activioes.

"If they're under the influence of drugs while taking examinations, it's going to affect their performance and some may not even turn up for their exams.

Under the three-year spending plans £133 million is to be spent on fighong drugs in the 135 jails in England and Wales, health and local authorities will get an additional £70.5 million and a further £3 million to drugs education and prevendon programmes in schools and the community.

Health and local authorities are to receive guidance in the next few weeks advising them to help young people, mem-bers of ethnic communities and women. In the past, the emphasis had been on providing treatment for middle age and white opiate addicts. The cash being spent in prisons Treatment and Testing Or-ders, aimed at challenging offenders' drug problems and which courts will soon be able

Pilot projects are being set up in Croydon, Liverpool and Gloucester before being rolled

out across the UK.
Figures produced by the
Department of Health showed that for every Pound spent on drug misuse treatment, cost savings of more than £3 were made through reductions in crime and the cost of bringing someone to trial.

Penal reform and drug treatment groups welcomed the government's announcement of extra cash for the fight against drugs...

Paul Cavadino, principal officer of the National Associadon for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said: "Up to now, two thirds of the money spent on dealing with drugs has been spent on law enforcement and just one third on prevendon, education and treatment combined. This has been a regrettably lop-sided approach.
Law enforcement cannot

provide the answer to drug misuse. In contrast, prevention and treatment are highly cost-effective ways of tackling the drugs problem."

But Roger Howard, of the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse, warned that the money might not be enough to prevent the closure of more drug

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Jean Raspail, 73, with the filched Union Jack and Patagonia's coat of arms

Bobby retakes reef for Queen

realised it was a brand new

flag, though I didn't know

Continued from page I husband, a top Jersey lawyer. who contacted the island au-

thorities by marine radio. "I just thought it was an odd peice of material," she said. "But when I lowered it. I

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which country it represented." Accompanying PC Fitchett were two members of Jersey's honorary police force, Constable Frank Amy and Centenier David Cadore. They represented the parish of Grouville.

> part, although policing the reef is normally confined to the annual picnic "It's too early to see if an offence has been committed. but it's nice to see the Union Jack flying ... hopefully it will stay that way." Centenier Cadoret said. In Paris, a

> of which the Minquiers are a

spokesman for the British Embassy said: "Honour has been restored." M Raspail wrote a book in 1981 about King Orèlie-An-tome. a slightly unhinged French adventurer named Antoine de Tounens who was proclaimed King of Patagonia in 1860. The writer later decided to reinvent his lost kingdom, complete with navy. diplomatic corps and an expansionist foreign policy.

A hiccup in yesterday's peace negotiations in Paris came when M Raspail. 73. announced he was prepared to return the filched British flag but only on "neutral territory" by which he meant the bar o one of the most expensive hotels in Paris. "I propose to do it, say on Thursday. on neutral ground such as the Hotel Crillon or the Hotel Bristol," he said.

The Hotel Crillon is where the French Government houses visiting heads of state. but London balked at accepting the return of its flag after a hosole land-grab in a bar.

A breakdown in negodations was averted when he finally agreed to bring the flag to the embassy, and so end one of the oddest chapters in modern diplomatic history.

Schools want help in teaching literacy

By VICTORIA FLETCHER

LITERACY is not being taught properly to secondary schoot pupils, and teachers feel they are letting pupils down for lack of guidelines on how to improve standards,

according to a new study.

The School of Education at Reading surveyed anitudes to the teaching of literacy in 120 schools. More than two thirds felt they were not examples of good practice in this area and most wanted their teachers to

be trained in literacy teaching. Test results from the past ien years suggest that many pupils leave primary schools without the literacy required for secondary school work. Brookes and Andy Goodwyn. reveals "a deep confusion in secondary schools about what

believe that placing pupils in sets according to ability damages those in the lower streams. Although sets help teachers to manage some classes, and it was generally thought that bright pupils progressed faster when sepa-rated, the lower sets produced greater discipline problems.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Detective in murder inquiry is robbed

advise on the inquiry into the murder of a British tourist has been robbed at gunpoint. Superintendent Brian Morris had been on Paradise tstand for less than 48 hours when he was held up in a taxi. Two men approached him as the taxi drew up near the Cabinet Office in Fort Fincastle. Acting in line with the advice given to tourists by the Foreign Office, the officer made no attempt to overpower the robber but handed over \$500 in cash and his watch. The driver was

Yesterday Mr Morris refused to comment about the incident, but claimed it did not interfere with his work. Speaking at the inquiry headquarters in Nassau he said: "I am here to do a job and t am doing that t have not been distracted and I am concentrating on the work I have to do." Mr Morris was in the Bahamas to advice local police on investigating the murder of Joanne Clarke, 24.

Judge clears Hide

A judge today cleared Herbie Hide, a world heavyweight boxing champion, of assaulong two amateur light trainers after one alleged victim failed to appear in court to give evidence. Hide, 27, from Norwich, who holds the World Boxing Organisation crown, had denied attacking the coaches while training for a fight in a gymnasium in the city in March last year. The judge said the absence of a key witness would make it impossible for Hide to receive a fair

Lost boy found dead

The body of a boy found under a skylight window at a community centre was identified last night as Ryan Hunter. who had been missing from home since Monday. He is believed to have fallen through the window of the centre, only 200 yards from his home on the Spencer estate in Northampton, as he scrambled across the roof of the singlestorey building. Friends said it was one of his favourite places, and that children used the large expanse of flat roof

Royal appointment

Simon Lewis. 39, a public relations adviser, began work at Buckingham Palace yesterday in the new post of communications secretary to the Queen. His salary is reported to be £230,000 a year. Mr Lewis has joined the Palace on a two-year secondment from his employers Centrica, the parent company of British Gas, who will continue to pay the majority of his salary. The Palace will top it up with an estimated £75,000 a year from the Civil List. His job will be to devise long-term strategies.

Gillie's jewellery sold

Jewellery given by Queen Victoria to her faithful servant John Brown sold at auction yesterday for £11,534. A gold-stick pin with a miniature portrait of the royal gillie, inscribed with the words "From VR John 27 March 1883". fetched £4.370 and was among ten lots that went to unnamed individuals and dealers at the Sotheby's sale at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire. The auctioneers had expected the private collection to fetch about £7,000. It was thought that interest was fuelled by the film Mrs Brown.

Police officer banned

A senior police officer who admitted driving while twice the legal alcohol limit has been banned for 18 months and fined E300. Chief Superintendent Stewart Hindley, 42, divisional commander of Greater Manchester Police's Wigan division, will now face his Chief Constable at a disciplinary hearing after the hearing before Rochdale magistrates. He was found to have 174mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood after a parrol car stopped him following an irregular manoeuvre. the court heard. The legal limit is 80mg.

Sheepdog's ordeal

An over-enthusiastic sheepdog survived unscathed after falling more than 100ft down a cliff while trying to head nff a stray lamb. Meg, a two-year-old border collie, went staight back to work after being rescued by firemen from a ledge in the 400ft deep quarry near her owner's hill farm at Tredegar, South Wales. She had spent the night stranded in the quarry. Joan Price, the sheep farmer's wife, said: "Meg was rounding up the sheep with other dogs and was so intent on her task that she did not see the edge."

CORRECTION

It is the Naval and Military Club that is moving to London's St James's Square and planning to sell a painting, not, as wrongly stated in a report (August 27), the Army and Navy Club. The latter remains in Pall Mall and is not selling any

Builders make way for MPs' return

By Polly Newton, political reporter

THE greeo benches are back in the Commons chamber and the builders' equipment has been cleared from the corridors. MPs returning to Westminster today to pass emergency anti-terrorism laws may wonder why anyone ever doubted that the place would be ready.

But within hours of their departure tomorrow, the scals will be gone again and the drilling will recommence as 1,800 workmen push on with a £10 million repair and renovation programme that must be finished by October 19, when the House returns for the autumn "term".

But by yesterday heavy machinery had been taken off the site and smaller tools moved into temporary storage space around the Palace of Westminster. At the same time, catering supplies are being brought in to feed the returning MPs and

The cost of the interruption will fall

mainly on the contractors themselves, who were warned beforehand that unexpected events might affect their timetables. One Commons source said yesterday: "We make sure that all of our contractors are aware of the flexibility of response that we expect from them. We hold a briefing for all the people that

The contract for repairs to the Commons chamber stipulated that the space must be put back in order within two days if necessary. Some of the estimated 100 companies involved in this summer's building projects at Westminster have switched staff to different tasks for the

duration of the emergency sitting. The men who are installing new computer cables along the Commons committee room corridor - which is a major thoroughfare for MPs - have

been told to retreat into the comminee

Other employers will have little choice but to pay workers for doing nothing. However, the money will cover only two cight-hour days, not the overtime which many of the builders have been doing in an attempt to finish their projects on

rooms and undertake only "silent work".

such as wiring, for the next two days.

Even two days' delay could make the difference between meeting and breaching the October 19 deadline. "II's going to be close," said one of thos involved.

James Robertson, of the Serjeant at Arms office, which is responsible for administration at the Palace of Westminster, admitted that the decision to recall Parliament bad caused a few problems. "It has been hard work, but not undoable," he said.

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Hounded man defeats his woman boss

Russell Jenkins on sex discrimination at the bank

BRITAIN'S youngest woman bank manager hounded a young trainee simply because he was a man, an industrial tribunal ruled yesterday. Kathryn Dowse, 21, was rude and patronising towards Andrew Gilbert, 23, the only male at the branch.

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He was treated less favourably than female colleagues, ordered to mop the floor and finally sacked because Ms Dowse saw him as a threat to her authority, the tribunal said, Mr Gilbert won his claim for sex discrimination against the Midland Bank, and was awarded £4,721 for loss of income and injury to his feelings.

Women were among his closest supporters. A female colleague gave evidence for him, and his mother, Stella McGuinness, threw her arms around him when she realised he had won. She said: "His reputation was the big thing at stake. It is all very well for the Midland Bank man to say he is resilient but they did not see him when he fell into my arms in tears. My feelings about Miss Dowse are unprintable. I

am just so glad he won because he deserves it."

Mr Gilbert, of Handforth,

Cheshire, who now works in a theatre box office in Crewe, said: "I am absolutely delighted. The judgment is more important than the monetary award to me." Asked what he thought now of his former manager, he replied: "t try not to think of her any more." Mr Gilbert worked at the

branch in a supermarket in Heywood, Manchester, managed by Ms Dowse. The tribunal chairman, John Goodman, said: "The inference we draw on the evidence is that Kathryn Dowse per-ceived Mr Gilbert as a young. assertive man who posed some sort of threat to her authority as a relatively inexperienced young manager.

"One illustration we find illuminating is her insistence on him participating in the mopping of the floor."

The tribunal had heard that Mr Gilbert, a £12,000-a-year probationer, was the only male among seven staff. He was sacked on New Year's Eve



Andrew Gilbert and his mother, Stella McGuinness

and before he had completed his probationary period. He said that Ms Dowse was

consistently rude and patronising towards him. He was told that there was an informal arrangement among staff to allocate cleaning duties but on one occasion, he was told by Ms Dowse: "You are to mop the floor today."
Mr Gilbert said that when a

female colleague mislaid her keys she received a "slap on the wrist" but he received two serious verbal warnings. He also accused Ms Dowse of "hounding" a former male employee out of the bank, an allegation which she denied. He said: "She set me up and watched me in order to end my employment. She was regularly rude and patronising towards me. She would not speak to me at all if we were the only two members of staff in the branch."

His account was supported by a former colleague, Lisa Carney, 31, who told the tribunal that members of staff urged Mr Gilbert to keep a diary in case he was sacked. Ms Dowse said in evidence

that Mr Gilbert had ben dismissed for poor performance, a bad attitude and a lack of initiative. She also said that he had breached security procedures over leaving unsigned credit cards around.

However Mr Goodman, for the tribunal panel, ruled that the bank had been "unreasonable and unfair". Mr Gilbert had been treated less

favourably than other female employees, and the senior manager said to have authorised his dismissal had acted solely on information from Ms Dowse and made no attempt to speak to Mr Gilbert about her complaints.

In his ruling, Mr Goodman said that the bank spoke in its literature of steps it tool prevent discrimination but no matter how pious and well-intended those sentiments are, the employer must



mented - I can say quite emphatically we do not regard the conduct of the bank as as were reasonably practical to avoid discrimination."

Ms Dowse, now 22, was not in the hearing when the tribu-

transferred and currently works as a lending officer for the Midland's Willenhall indicative of taking such steps branch, near Wolverhampton.

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whether we should go for an appeal. We take all complaints

barassment / discrimination for the Midland Bank said: very seriously and have a Switzerland had be "We are obviously disappoint- comprehensive policy and

Broker 'was sidelined after having baby'

A STOCKBROKER returned from maternity leave to find she had been sidelioed from her £93,000-a-year job and colleagues gossiping about her partner becoming a house-husband, an iodustrial tribunal heard yesterday.

Victoria Kimmings, 29, was shocked to find she had effectively been demoted with two male traders each hired on £235,000-a-year to deal with her former clients.

Miss Kimmings, who is claiming sexual discrimina-tion, told the tribunal that when she complained to her superior and head of pan-European sales Geoff Houston at ABN-Amro she was told not to worry because women were often emotional when they returned from ma-

ternity leave". She told the hearing: "I told Geoff Houston I was extremely committed to ABN-Amro and my clients and I didn't want to lose any.
I told him I had moved

home to be closer to work and my husband had given up bis job to took after our daughter so I could pursue my career.

"I said that my position was untenable since my clients had been taken off me. He seemed to disregard all my comments and I was so frustrated about this I burst into

"Geoff Houston told me that I shouldn't worry as women often get very emo-tional when they return from

maternity leave."
Miss Kimmings had worked her way up the bank. starting as a secretary earning

£7,500-a-year in January 1987 to becoming a trader within five years.

When she left the company, based in Moorgate, on maternity leave in September 1997. she was being paid a basic salary of £58,000 with an additional £35,000 in guaranteed bonuses and dealt exclu-sively with the top 100 companies oo the stock market - the FTSE 100.

However, when she re-turned to work on February 2 this year, two traders formerly from the Union Bank of ed and taken over her best clients Fidelity Investments

and Royal Sun Alliance. While on maternity leave, Miss Kimmings said she and her husband Neil, 29, moved closer to London from Lincolnshire to Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire and Mr

Kimmings quit his £30,000-ayear job at oil distributers Chandlers Oit and Gas to look after their new-born baby Emily, now II months. Mrs Kimmings said: My husband gave up his job so he could look after our daughter, which would allow me to

focus on my career. I later heard that it was the talk of the office that we had such an unusual arrangement."

Mrs Kimmings told the

hearing at Woburn, central London, that when she returned to work her name had also been taken off ABN-Amro's internal telephone list and the company refused to let her work with her former ctients telling her she either accepted the lesser role on the Small Companies or take a payout and leave.

She said despite being moved back to the main trading desk she is given no work to do - except answering the phones for other traders.

David Griffith-Jones, counsel for the company, said Miss Kimmings was the one who suggested a £90,000 pounds pay-out. You were the one that raised the possibility of redundancy. There was never any pressure put on you in leave. An option of a payment was given to you as a result of your request."
The bearing continues today.



School bus driver was drunk

By GILLIAN HARRIS .

A BUS driver who went on a nine-hour drinking session the day before starting a new job in which he took up to 79 children to school was fined £500 and banned from driving for four years yesterday.
John Stevenson, 48, had

driven five miles and dropped off the teenage children when police stopped him for a rou-tine vehicle safety check. The officers found the bus to be in a fit condition but smelt alcohol on the driver's breath. They arrested him after a breathalyser test showed that he was twice over the legal limit. It was 8.45am.

Yesterday Hamilton Sheriff Court was told that Stevenson. of Holytown, Lanarkshire, had been convicted of a similar offence in 1996 and banned for a year. After the latest incident he was sacked from his part-time job with Stuarts

of Carluke Coaches. Oliver Adair, Stevenson's solicitor, said that his client had been drinking for nine hours the day before and had risen early for his new job. He asked me to indicate to the court that had he known that was the level he would not have considered driving the vehicle. He is genuinely remorseful and distressed.

Jail for tax cheat miser who amassed a fortune

A WINDOW cleaner who amassed a personal fortune of almost half a million pounds and lived a life of luxury after defrauding the Inland Revenue for 15 years last night found himself in the less than

humious surroundings of a British jail. Peter Baker's fortunes flourished after a financial broker whose windows he cleaned encouraged him to invest his money. Baker, 60, began looking into off-shore accounts and foreign properties, buying a villa in Portugal and holding

bank accounts at home and abroad, including Jersey. But Baker failed to declare his earnings to the Inland Revenue for 15 years. He admitted 17 charges of income tax fraud, involving £114,734. taking place between April 1981 and March 1995.

Mark Lucraft, prosecuting. told Reading Crown Court that an audit in 1995 found Baker to have assets of E300,000 and almost £200,000 tied up in villas and land. He said: "Before going into business on his own he was employed by his brothers. He began to feel he was not being properly paid and as the years went on he began to keep more and more money. He denied owning any assets off-shore. It was clear there were serious

Window cleaner

who felt he was not paid enough

stole, reports

Helen Johnstone irregularities in his tax

Christopher Johnston, for the defence, said Baker was a hoarder who had no experience in the ways of the world.

Cleaning the windows of a financial broker in the heart of Reading was when the turning point came. The financial broker had provided Mr Baker with the incentive to do something with his money. He had a genuine belief that he wasn't doing any criminal act. He was of the opinion that he made this money through his hard grafting and he wanted to put it to some good

Mr Johnston said Baker had a mental disorder in that he was a compulsive hoarder. In previous times he might have been described as a miser. One might say it is just plain greed." Sentencing Baker, from

Reading, Berkshire, to twelve account.

months in prison for each of the offences, to run concurrently, Judge Stanley Spence said: "You benefit from spending by the public authorities but you don't pay your share. other people pay it for you." The judge made a confiscation order to reclaim, the overdue funds and Baker was also ordered to pay costs estimated at £10,000.

After the case, a tax inspector from the Special Compli-ance Office said Baker had been given every opportunity to reveal his financial situation but had failed to do so.

Baker's neighbours last night said suspicions of illegal wrong-doings had been rife. One said: They have always kept themselves to themselves but we knew something fishy was going on. But we never imagined they had that much

stashed away."
Another described Baker as very secretive: 'I kept asking him to cut his pine trees a bit al the back of his garden because they were blocking the light to my house. But he told us he felt he needed his

Baker, who had more than £200,000 tied up with Portuguese property and land, also admitted £240,000 had been deposited in a Portuguese

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Flap over cat ends in Bangkok Ling was a neutered male she took the

By A CORRRESPONDENT

A MISSING cat is to be reunited with its British owner three months after escaping while in transit at Bangkok

Ling an eight-year-old Burmese, was handed in yesterday to the Thai Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (TSPCA) in Bangkok.

Ling's owner, Geoff Graham, a retired naval officer from Southsea. Hampsbire, had flown back to Thailand a week after the pet went missing on June 6. He offered a £750 reward and TSPCA offices have since been flooded with hoax callers trying to

claim the money.

But yesterday Vacharee Banchalem. who said she had recently been given the cat by a friend, went to the TSPCA, which scanned a microchip in the animal's ear that proved its identity.



Ling in safe custody again Miss Banchalern said she had called the TSPCA office a month ago to see if the cat could be Ling, but believed ber cat was a female. When she was told

matter no further. It was only after a visit to a vet last week, when she was told that the cat in her possession was in fact a neutered male, that she again contacted the TSPCA. Ling had been en route from Indone-

sia, where Mr Graham had been teaching at a school, to London. At Bangkok Ling escaped and the cat's carrier box arrived at Heathrow empty. Thai Airways accepted responsibility for the mix-up but told Mr Graham that it had no idea when or where the escape had occurred. Miss Vacheree said that Ling had been found wandering near Bangkok's Don Muang airport Mr Graham is planning to return to

Thailand in three months to be reunited with Ling. He will then teach English at a school for the blind in the northern city Chiang Mai. Till then Ling will stay at an animal sanctuary in Bangkok.

IRA bunkers

hide tonnes

Anti-terror Bill modified to meet MPs' concerns

THE Government moved to defuse Labour backbench concerns over its emergency antiterrorist laws yesterday by emphasising that the measures will contain safeguards against wrongful conviction.

The Commons, recalled today for the fourteenth time since the war, for a two-day parliamentary session, will approve the hastily drafted Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Bill with the support of the large majority of Labour MPs, the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats.

The Bill, which was finally published last night after several delays during the day. showed that ministers had taken on board criticisms made by MPs in recent days that the legislation had been drawn up too rapidly and might infringe civil liberties and human rights.

The Bill aims to make it easier to convict people of being members of terrorist organisations opposed to the peace process by making the evidence of a seniur police officer admissible in court, and allowing the court to draw inferences of guilt from a refusal to answer certain

questions. Misgivings have been growing over the plan to allow terrorist suspects to be jailed nn the word of a senior police officer backed by only limited supporting evidence. But the Government entphasised yesterday that such evidence would be tested in court to the full. Moreover, the Bill explicitly states that further corroboration would be needed and that a suspect could not be convicted "solely on the basis of the statement" from the policeman,

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, emphasised that no inferences could be drawn from the silence of a suspect unless he or she had first had had the opportunity to consult a solicitor. That also is made explicit in the Bill.

He also emphasised that under the new law, the burden of proof would remain on the prosecution, and the standard of proof would still be "beyond all reasonable doubt". It

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Measures to be debated today

take note of concerns over rights, reports

would be entirely for the court to weigh evidence against a suspect before conviction.

Philip Webster

He added: "We face a very serious threat indeed from extremist terrorist splinter groups like the Real IRA. whose actions have already led to the loss of 28 lives in Omagh and the serious injury of scores more. This Bill is tough, it is necessary, but also contains safeguards for the rights of the accused."

Ministers made plain that the measure was intended to catch members of groups such as the Real IRA, the Continuity IRA and the Loyalist Volunteer Force which were not signed up to the peace process and they confirmed that it would be subject to annual review. The Bill says the new powers are being taken in relation to "proscribed organ-isations which are not maintaining a complete ceasefire".

The Government had been taken aback by the strength of



Straw: Bill "is tough but has safeguards"

our MPs to the Bill. One senior backbencher, Robin Corbett, MP for Birmingham Erdington, said he was worried that the Government might be going down a "dreadfully mistaken" wrong

Prevention of Terrorism Act was put through originally for 12 months, 24 years ago, and I'm very sad this Government has not learned the lessons of what was done in a rush that night."
Alan Beith, the Liberal

Democrat home affairs spokesman, made plain that his party would support the Bill because some of the safeguards that the Liberal Democrats had sought were now incorporated.

Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern Ireland secre-tary, also backed the Bill. "The lesson from Omagh is that public safety is still at risk. The protection of the public should be our foremost concern as we approach the early release of prisoners convicted of terrorist offences," he said.

As expected, the Bill grants the police powers to seize the financial assets of terrorists outside the peace process if they were used in the commission of a crime. The measures also make it

an offence to conspire within the United Kingdom to commit an offence in another jurisdiction. The move is designed to stop terror groups using Britain as a base from which to plan outrages elsewhere in the world. The Government has responded to concerns over the sweeping nature of the proposal by making plain that the act involved must constitute an offence under the law of the United Kingdom and under the law of the country in which it was committed. The consent of the Attorney-General will have to be obtained for pro-ceedings to be instituted.

The Bill will be pushed through the Commons today one sitting before the going to the Lords tomorrow. The Prime Minister will open proceedings with a statement on the Omagh bombing.

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Gerry Adams yesterday: "We need to map a path nut of the dark tunnel"

'Violence must be a thing of the past, over and gone'

issued from the party's press centre in Belfast in a one-page press release headlined: "Keynote Statement from Gerry Adams MP. The release said that Mr Adams had "today outlined his view of the current state of the peace

This was his statement in full: "My position on what happened in Omagh on 15 August is quite categoric. I have condemned it without equivocation.

"This appalling act was carried out by those opposed to the peace process. "It is designed to wreck the

process and everyone should work to ensure the peace process continues as is the clear wish of the people of the island. Sinn Fein has called

for a complete halt to such actions and has urged all groups to stop immediately.

Those responsible are

aligning themselves with the forces opposed to a democratic settlement in the conflict "Sinn Fein is committed to

exclusively peaceful and democratic means to achieve a way forward. We have to work political-

ly to make the Omagh bombing the last violent incident in our country, the last incident of this kind. We are committed to making conflict a thing

of the past. "There is a shared responsibility to removing the causes and to achieving an end to all conflict. Sing Fein believe the the vacuum that has been violence we have seen must be created must be filled."

past, over, done with and gone. In particular, the two governments have the principal responsibility, as do the party leaders.

"I am committed to play my part, as is Sinn Fein. Our role io the peace process provides a substantial body of irrefut-

able evidence to support this.
"The Good Friday agreement has the powerful potential to take us forward and we must urgently press on with its implementation.

"Inclusive and honest dialogue is the only way forward

in this country.

"We need to map a path out of the dark tunnel that people feel themselves to be in. There is much despair around and

of explosives By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent THE IRA has at least three Semtex and detonators before the split tonnes of Semtex explosives However, the former quarstored in bunkers under fields in remote areas of the Irish

Colonel Gaddafi, in the 1980s if they steal or use IRA and used in the huge bombs weapons without permission. that exploded in Manchester and London's Docklands after the collapse of the IRA ceasefire in 1996. Most of the IRA's bunkers are in rural areas of Co Cork. Co Kerry and Co Limerick, where sympathisers have been willing to help. In addition to the Semtex, the

bunkers store 650 AK47 rifles. up to 30 Armalite assault rifles and an assortment of machineguns, rocket launchers, flame-throwers and homemade mortars. The bunkers, some of which are the size of small houses. are highly sophisticated. A raid by Irish police on an IRA

The explosives were sup-

plied by the Libyan leader,

bomb factory in Clonaslee, Co Laois, in 1996 found a bunker built under a farmhouse and an adjoining farmyard with its own electricity supply and an air vent. The electricity powered a heating system to ensure the weapons were not

ruined by moisture.

Terrorists reached the bun-ker through a covered manhole. The bunker was believed to have built by Christopher Harford, who constructed up to a dozen before his death. During the raid, police uncovered 16 improvised mortars.

in the run-up to the IRA's second ceasefire in July last year, the terrorists moved huge amounts of weaponry to large dumps in the Republic. When the IRA was at "war" the weapons were stored in smaller dumps along the

Security sources have been alarmed by the continuing threat posed by the arms and explosives because the Real IRA, the dissident group re-sponsible for the Omagh bomb, was founded by the main IRA's quartermastergeneral, who controlled the underground bunkers. When he left the IRA last year, he gave an undertaking that he would not raid the bunkers. although there has been speculation that he took some

termaster-general is likely to move carefully because the IRA's Green Book, which all "volunteers" have to sign, says that members will be shot

If the IRA takes the momentous step of decommissioning its Serntex — it would be the first time republicans have decommissioned voluntarily this century - they will do so under a system which has been carefully designed to avoid the appearance that they are surrendering. The IRA will be allowed to take the "DIY option" of destroying its own weapons. This will have to be verified by General John De Chastelain's body which is

overseeing the process.
In a little-noticed paper in January 1996 — a month before the IRA ended its first ceasefire - Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness indicated that republicans might be prepared to consider the "DIY option". This would allow the IRA to maintain that it is not surrendering its arms to the British, whose jurisdiction over Northern Ireland they are committed to removing.

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There are estimated to be between 400 to 500 members of the IRA, as well as a network of supporters throughout Ireland who store weapons and accommodate

Sean O'Callaghan, page 16



McGuinness: favoured

Clintons renew a friendship with hope

By MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT and Mrs Clinton will renew their friendship tomorrow with the two young Belfast children, one Protestant and one Roman Catholic, who won their hearts on a visit in 1995.

David Sterrett, 14, and Catherine Hamill, II, have also both been invited to Belfast's Waterfront Hall to hear Mrs Clinton speak there this afternoon, and

the President tomorrow morning. Catherine and David deeply moved the Clintons in November 1995 — and became symbols of peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland — when they read pleas for a permanent end to violence before the President spoke.

Others will not be so lucky. The Orange Order's request for a meeting with President Clinton is believed to have received short shrift from the White

House, where memories of the order's contribution to July's Drumcree crisis are still fresh.

Precautions are also being taken to ensure that, when the President visits Omagh tomorrow afternoon, he does not come face to face with a councillor named Francie Mackey, a prominent member of the 32 County Sovereignty Committee which is widely regarded as the political wing of the Real IRA.



Prince Harry will find Eton steeped in tradition

Eton prepares to welcome Harry

By Alan Hamilton

WATCHED by the lenses of a now well-behaved media, Prince Harry today takes a giant step in his young life when he enrois at Eton.

For the Prince, who will be 14 in two weeks, it is likely to be a stressful and unsettling day, coming as it does two days after the first anniversary of his mother's death. SI James's Palace has nonetheless offered cameramen the opportunity to record his arrival in the hope that they will then respect his privacy.

The day will evoke memo-ries of Prince William's arrival three years ago, an event which united his estranged parents for the afternoon. Today the younger Prince will have only his father for sup-port as he is banded into the care of Andrew Gailey, housemaster of Manor

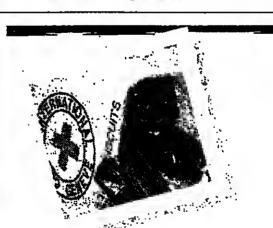
House, to join his brother. Prince Harry delighted his father by passing his Common Entrance exam. After the death of their mother, the Prince of Wales felt strongly that his sons should be educated together for their mutual support. Prince Harry, is

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regarded as academically the less able of the brothers, and their father is concerned that he does not live in Prince William's academic shadow. This was one reason why St James's Palace declined this week to confirm reports that Prince William had achieved 12 GCSE passes, three of them at A grade. The palace would only confirm that he had done

Prince Harry will wear the familiar Eton uniform of black tailcoat, waistcoat and striped trousers, which was introduced in IS20 as mourning on the death of George III. one of Elon's greatest benefactors. His school day will start with 7.30 breakfast in his house.

The school is steeped in arcane traditions, but Prince Harry will be relieved to find that some have mercifully failen by the wayside. Fag-ging, in which new boys waited hand and foot on older pupils, has been abolished. So too has corporal punishment. although the highly polished beating block remains as a grim reminder of times past.



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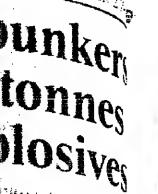
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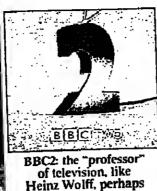


Who's your favourite television channel?

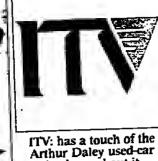
















things differently.

Research into what makes viewers complain shows that they categorise different stations by personality, reports Raymond Snoddy the Queen Victoria

TELEVISION viewers see BBC1 as "staid, stuffy, establishment and reliable", with the personality of a John Major or Queen Victoria, according to research published

In contrast, Channel 4 has the characteristics of Richard Branson, a channel that does things differently. Despite this, women over 45 think it is a channel the Queen would watch because of its horse racing and documentaries.

Women and skilled and unskilled workers (the C2Ds) see ITV as less stuffy than BBCI and "jolly, lively and

more upmarket viewers feel it is rather brash with a touch of the secondhand car dealer about it.

Women and the C2Ds women tend to see BBC2 as "an old professor", although men and more upmarket viewers see the channel as a trendy teacher or a social worker keen to "save the world". Channel 5 is 100 new to have a personality and viewers are unsure how to categorise it.

Research among cable and satellite viewers to be published by the Independent Television Commission today shows that viewers have clear

images in their minds about the personalities of the television channels they watch. The main purpose of the

research was to try to explain why cable and satellite viewers are much less likely to complain about what they see on their screens than terrestrial viewers. In 1997, although 20 per cent of commercial viewing was to cable and satellite channels, fewer than one in ten complaints was about these services.

The research found that viewers had clear mental images of channels and that one of the main reasons for making a complaint was because a

programme delivered something at odds with viewer's expectations of the channel. The cable and satellite view-

ers who took pan in the survey terrestrial-only viewers

were also included - said that they were less likely to complain because they felt in control of their viewing. Apan from the off switch, they could stop their subscription if they



Channel 5: too new to have developed a personality

felt unhappy with the service. Age and the younger profile of cable and satellite viewers may also be a factor. Research consistently shows that viewers' tolerance of stronger material on screen, such as bad language, violence and sex. decreases with age, panicularly from the mid-40s. Viewers aged 45 to 65 dislike had language and older women also mentioned sexual portraval, especially minority preferences such as homosexuality, leshianism and trans-

The research also showed that some satellite and cable channels are respected for

being informative, accurate and serious, particularly Discovery, National Geographic and History. One skilled worker told the researcher: "I've learned more from Discovery than in 15 years at school.

Although some older. downmarker males still fayour the BBC news service, the ITC researchers found that Sky News and CNN were popular with viewers "who wanted a less establishment view of the news".

Cable and satellite channels such as LIVE TV, Challenge IV and Bravo provoked laughter among most women.

although older women said they were a little shocked by them. Even they said they were unable to take the channels seriously and described them as cheap and nasty.

Children's channels are seen as being of reasonable quality, while UK Gold, which shows old programmes from the established channels, is raied highly for quality.

□ Likely to Complain? Freeto-uir versus subscription channels (from ITC information office; £5)

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Consul visits 'cheerful' Noye in jail

By Stephen Farreil in cadiz and Frances Gibb

THE captured fugitive Kenneth Noye was yesterday said to be calm and relaxed in a maximum-security Spanish prison. He had been visited by a British consul as he awaits

extradition proceedings.
The visit came as a clearer picture emerged of his life among the British expatriate community un the Costa de la Luz, where his cash property dealings and Versace clothes prompted rumours about suitcases full of money. Mr Noye, 51, was said to have been polite and friendly, but had suddenly dropped out of the party circuit after one neighbour innocently joked that he resembled the Great Train Rob-

ber Ronnie Biggs Mr Nove, wanted for questioning by Kent police over the M25 road rage murder of. Slephen Cameron in 1996, is being held at the maximumsecurity Puerto de Santa Maria Prison No 2, a few miles from Cadiz. Spanish police yesterday confirmed that the four-man squad who arrested him on Friday as he dined

with a woman companion were all armed.

He was kept in solitary confinement for the first two days after his arrest last Friday, but is now believed to be sharing a cell. There are half a dozen Britons among the 1.000 inmates but none in the remand wing where he is being: He has access to a gym. exercise yard and library.

During a 40-minute visit

yesterday morning Carlos Formby, the British Consul in Seville, spoke to Mr Noye through a glass panel and brought him two novels, magnes, an English-Spanish dictionary and an English Costa del Sol newspaper, Mr Formby said: "He is normal, considering the conditions. and is being very well treated. I must say he is a very nice person. He was friendly and polite and seemed quite cheerful. He seemed to be calm and a well-educated man."

Mr Noye has refused to provide details of the conditions in which he is being held to the press, referring all questions to Henry Milner. his British lawyer. Mr Noye wanted to know when he would be driven the 400 miles to Alcala Meco prison m Madrid, and how long the journey would take under armed guard. Mr Formby believed he would be transferred within the next 15 days. Extradition proceedings are

expected to take many months, and could be delayed if he is detained in Spain over alleged passport irregu-

Mr Milner is one of the best known lawyers in the criminal defence field and has had a long line of high-profile work. He acted most recently, in the inquiry into the death of the murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence, for the Acourt brothers and David Norris, three of the youths named in connection with the murder. But he also acted in all the Brink's-Mat robbery trials for

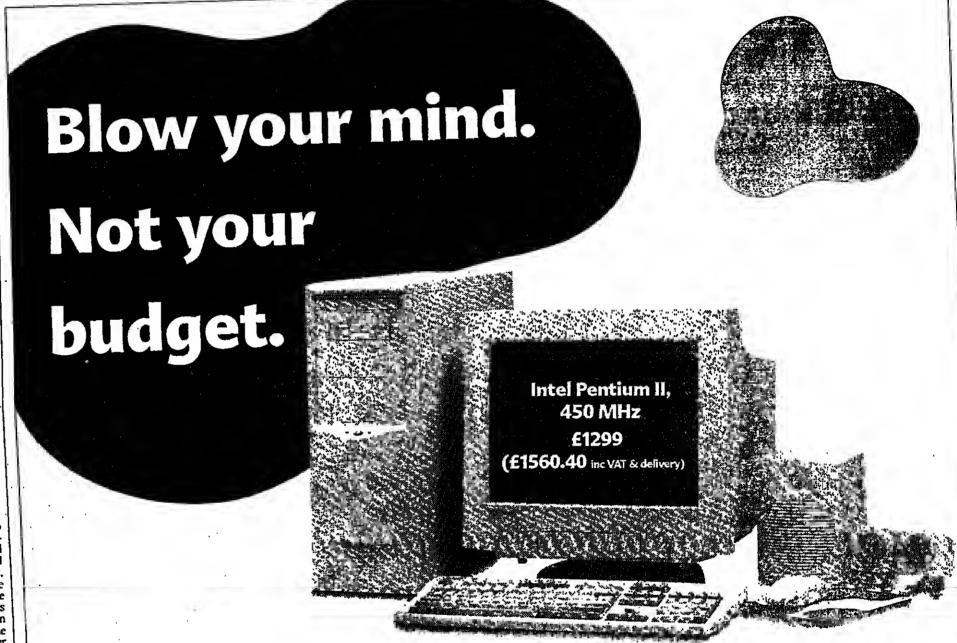
Fingers, who was cleared of plotting to handle the bullion from the £26 m robbery. Other clients included the former boxer Terry Marsh, who was cleared of the attempted murder of the boxing promoter Frank Warren, and the Arsenal footballer David-Hillier, who pleaded guilty to theft of a businessman's lug-

John Palmer, known as Gold

gage in July 1996. Mr Milner, a criminal defence solicitor for 19 years. runs his own small firm from Hatton Garden in London, where he is a sole practitioner. The firm has a strong reputation, handling all kinds of crime, but specialising in white-collar crime and VAT fraud. drugs importation cases, mortgage fraud, rob-bery, kidnapping and black-

Mr Milner has also carved out a niche for hioself in High Court bail applications, an unusual route by which he can seek the release of his clients after an appeal at the Crown Court has failed.

His main claim to fame is keeping clients out of the press and, where possible, out of prison, a task in which he has had some success. His work has, however, brought him into conflict with the police.



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Opened Ground inchudes several new poems as well as work from Heaney's most recent books, Seeing Things and The Spirit

Cutbacks in hill farm subsidies 'will harm scenery'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S most beautiful upland scenery is in danger of becoming an overgrown wasteland because the hill farmers who maintain it are going bankrupt, a report said

Falling incomes are threatening the survival of existing farmers and discouraging their children from following in their footsteps and continuing the work of repairing stone walls and keeping hillsides grazed, the National Farmers' Union report found.

The average earnings of Britain's 60,000 hill farmers fell by more than 60 per cent over the past two years, mainly because of the strong pound and the continuing ban on British beef, the NFU estimated. In 1998-99, net income on a typical farm was unlikely to exceed £8.000.

The crisis facing hitl farming is threatening to turn some of our country's most beautiful landscapes into unmanaged wastelands." Peter Alten, chairman of the NFU's less-favoured areas committee, said. "This would deprive the millions of visitors each year who enjoy the landscapes that generations of farming have created."

Ben Gill, president of the NFU, said that people might have to be charged to enter national parks if the Government was not prepared to reward farmers for the work they did in looking after the

"I think it would be a pity if we had to get to that scenar-io," he said. "But in the absence of it, then what we have to face is that Government must make up for what is known in the jargon as market failure. There is no

Hill farmers have suffered £50 million cutbacks in the special aid they receive to offset the handicap of farming in difficult terrain.

Protesters dig in for toll road fight | NHS offers fast, fair

Tunnellers claim to have built a fortress that will fend off bailiffs for weeks, writes

Helen Johnstone

PROTESTERS against Britain's first toll motorway say they have constructed a tunnel fortress that will allow them to stay underground for a

month. They boast that bailiffs seeking to evict them will face defences previously unseen in the campaign by green protesters.

They claim that engineers and potholers have helped to devise a network of tunnels under a wood and a disused cottage, including one that stretches half a mile without an escape hatch and relies on air being fed through small holes along the route.

The protesters, who oppose the 27-mile Birmingham Northern Relief Road to link the M42 at Coleshill, Wartham wickshire, and the M6 at Cannock, Staffordshire, claim that the defences, aided by a series of linked treehouses, towers and rope bridges, could allow them to remain underground for about twice as long as the 17 days that those at Manchester Airport

managed.

Bailiffs would be confronted with two bunkers, 20ft deep and 15ft square, which are being constructed with reinforced concrete threaded with



Gunta in one of the tunnels near the site of Birmingham's Northern Relief Road. Protesters say they have had professional help in building them

steel. The bunkers are to be sealed with metal doors that can be opened only from the

Even if the protesters inside were removed, the blocks would remain as immovable plugs" in the ground, the protesters say. The materials have been donated to the

campaigners. "Muppet Dave", a veteran tunneller who spent 12 days

underground at the Manchester protest, said: "It is like a game of chess — we have to be a step or two ahead. In the past two years the techniques have changed so much it is amazing. We are using methods they will not have seen before,
"We used to use wooden

doors on tunnels; now they are steel-plated. They will never have come across bunkers that are so deep or of such high quality. Before Newbury, the constructions were simplistic and the safety was sometimes

Police, said: "We would like to reiterate our warning to environmental campaigners in the Midlands that their peaceful protest is putting lives at

Tunnelling is a dangerous activity even when carried out commercially by professionals. The geological conditions in this particular area of Staffordshire are particularly unsuitable for underground working, which makes a tunnel collapse even more likely." Staffordshire Police are un-

derstood to have begun an intelligence operation at the site off the A38, near Weeford. arguments are resolved."



By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

PARENTS of children who died after heart surgery at a Bristol hospital were promised yesterday that their claims for compensation would be handled without a protracted court battle.

The National Health Service Litigation Authority has ordered its solicitors to make. offers to settle legitimate claims "fairly and speedily". The authority, set up three years ago to manage clinical negligence claims against the NHS, is currently dealing with the cases of 33 patients who underwent heart surgery by James Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana at the Bristol Royal Infirmary. Thirty-two cases involve the death of a child and one the death of

The total number of claims is expected to exceed 100, including at least 14 children left with brain damage.

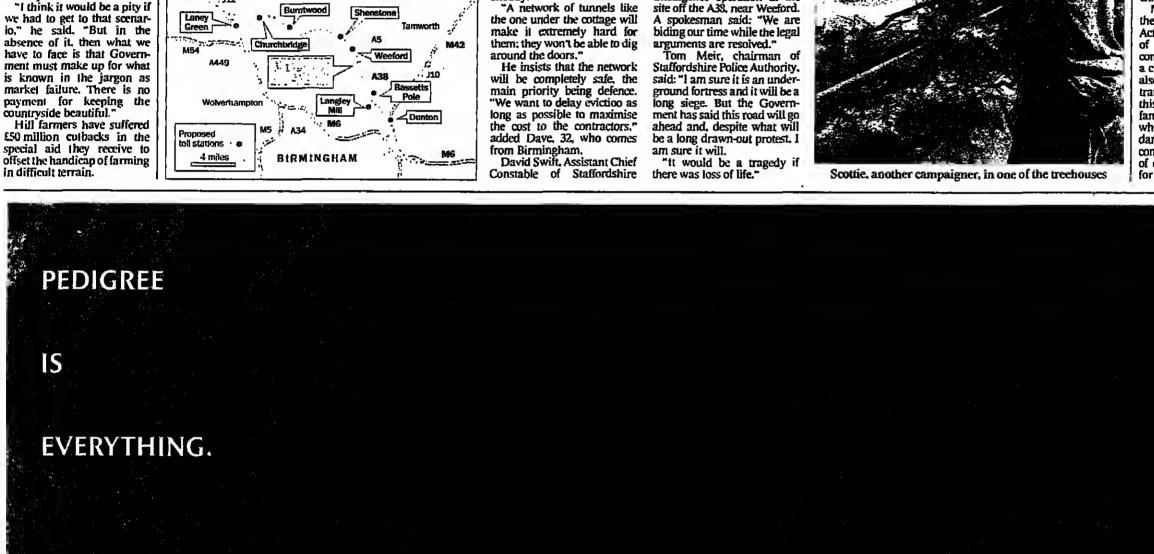
The authority yesterday invited families who had not yet lodged a claim to do so "so that each claim can be evaluated as speedily as possible, and, proposals made".

Mr Wisheart, Mr Dhasmana and their chief executive, Dr John Roylance, were found guilty of serious professional misconduct after a ninemonth inquiry by the General Medical Council.

Mr Wisheart and Dr Roylance were struck off the medical register and Mr Dhasmana was banned from performing heart surgery on children for three years.

Malcolm Curnow, head of

the Bristol Heart Children Action Group, said: "A figure of £7,500 is laid down as compensation for the death of a child, but we hope they will also take into account the trauma and scale of distress this issue has caused to the families. For those children who are alive but braindamaged there is the far more complex question of the degree of care they will require and





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Airlines call for action to ease traffic jam in sky

AJRLINES accused European governments of failing to deal with air traffic problems yesterday after it was reveated that significant delays have affected almost a third of flights this summer. Delays are now back to the worst levels seen in the 1980s, but the industry said that difficulties were likely to worsen unless politicians overcame their

complacency".
Figures released by the Association of European Airlines show a steady increase in delays this year. According to the statistics from 26 European carriers, which include British Airways, British Midland and Aer Lingus, more than 20 per cent of European flights were delayed on departure by more than 15 minutes in the first half of 1998.

The figure then rose to 29.t per cent in June, more than double the percentage of flights delayed in June 1994, and only slightly better than the worst figure, 30.8 per cent. recorded in 1989 when huge numbers of passengers were forced to sleep overnight at the most congested British airports, such as Gatwick, Manchester and Luton.

Since June, delays have worsened progressively, and Across Europe, one third of the

flights have been delayed during

summer, writes Arthur Leathley

industry sources expect even worse figures for July and August, when holiday traffic increases congestion in southern Europe. Much of the problem has

been caused by rapid increases in the number of passengers, which has tripled over the past 20 years. Since 1990 air traffie has risen by 40 per cent, with much of the increase concentrated in the tightly confined air space of Northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

In spite of the increases. delays were reduced in the early 1990s as airlines and traffic control authorities worked more closely in planning timetables and routes.

The amount of short-haul business travel has increased

dramatically over the past decade, with a huge risc in cheaper flights between European capitals. This has placed extra pressure on most capital airports across Europe, but also many provincial airports, which have been unable to expand. Mitan and Nice have suffered acute problems in recent months, as have Madrid. Amsterdam, Athens and

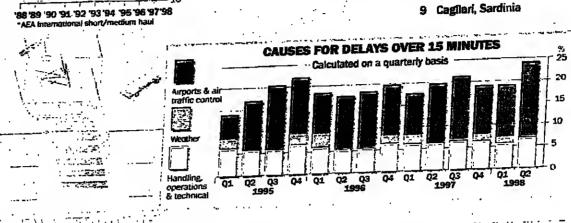
A o per cent growth in European and North Atlantic passenger traffic in the past year has increased pressure on air-traffic control services across mainland Europe. In Britain, severe problems of "overloading" of air traffic controt — where the number of flights exceed "comfortable" levels - have occurred in

southeast England.

Brirish problems have been exacerbated by continuing delays in moving the National Air Traffic Services, which control the busiest areas in from antiquated Britain. premises at West Drayton, ncar Heathrow, to a new £350 million centre at Swanwick. Hampshire. The new centre, which was originally due to open in 1996, will not start until the winter of 1999. 2000 at the earliest, and prob-

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HOW THE AIR DELAYS HAVE TAKEN OFF AGAIN



lems are still emerging in the new software system.

The latest figure from the Association of European Airlines underlines the industry's frustration over delays that cost carriers an estimated El billion a year, For more than a decade, airlines have been pressing for a simplified traffic control system

has been heavy opposition from countries including France and Greece to any moves to remove or weaken national sovereignty over air

The association releases only the average figures for all the carriers, and does not give a breakdown for each member

big difference is that, while the throughout Europe, but there has been heavy opposition airline. It says that there seems to be political complaeartier situation was rightly seen as intolerable, the current cency, because the delays are no worse than in 1980, despite the targe increase to air traffic. Karl-Heinz Neumeister, its secretary general, said: This

of our experiences in 1989. The

political reaction seems to vary from complacency to almost unbelievably - selfcongratulation. It is time that the politicians acted to remedy year is turning out to be a this simution." black one for detays. We are seeing an almost exact repeat

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THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION

□ Plans for a single European air traffic control system have progressed slowly since they were presented by the Association of European Airlines in 1989. Most countries want to retain at least partial control of their airspace, and the problem has been accentuated by vast differences in the quality of air traffic control systems. Greece is heavily criticised by pilots and air traffic controllers for its primitive system, which has caused huge problems at Athens. Corfu and Crete. European ministers have been reluctant to force the issue for fear of political problems within member states.

☐ Reducing the amount of mititary airspace to attow more civilian rootes is a delicate problem for the European Union. More than a third of mainland European airspace is used only by military aircraft.

☐ Airlines have also been blamed for failing to improve efficiency and timetables. The fares war that has run throughout the 1990s has reduced airlines' ability to pay for moving aircraft onto less congested routes. Philip Martin, directorgeneral of the Air Transport Users' Council said airlines had to shoulder some of the blame, "British Airways has achieved substanttal reductions on delays to flights at Gatwick and Heathrow. They have decided that reducing delays is part of a good service, but that does not apply to all

Police re-examine files in hunt for railway rapist

By ADAM FRESCO

DETECTIVES on the trail of a a serial rapist are to re-examine tens of thousands of crimes in an effort to see if the attacker has struck before in

The rapist first struck in January 1992 in Brentwood, Essex, when he grabbed a woman from behind as she walked to her vehicle in a station car park. In March mondsey railway station in computers to sift through the South London.

Officers have linked the two mation coming in. Detective

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Detective Chief Superintendent Lee Weavers, head of there is a significant threat that he will reoffend." his year he attacked a woman

incidents by the way the man spoke to his victims and from matching descriptions. On each occasion he threatened the woman and then tried to reassure her. Police believe he has attacked other women in the intervening years in incidents that may have begun with robbery and escalated to

In a joint investigation between British Transport Police and Essex Police, officers are building a psychological pro-

Superintendent Graham Satchwell, from the transport police, said: "I think there is every chance we are looking for a serial rapist. There is every reason to think there are other offences this man has committed which have not been reported." The attacker is described as

white, in his late twenties or early thirties, between 5ft oin and 5ft Ilin, with short hair and clean-shaven. He has a slight London accent and is of medium to slim build.



Computer image of the suspected serial rapist

charge of the operation, said: "I would urge anybody who has been attacked to come forward. I think there is a distinct possibility that he has

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Houses for sale at touch of a button

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

BUYING and selling homes could be revolutionised under proposed reforms outlined today that pave the way for electronic conveyancing in the next century.

The Law Commission, the Government's law reform body, and the Land Registry are putting forward joint proposals that would make house buying simpler, cheaper and

When electronic conveyancing takes over in the next decade or so, the buying and selling of houses will be done at the touch of a button. All properties will have to be registered in the Land Regis-making authority ter, which is not the case at electronic conveyancing to be rights to land, now known as

present, so that titles can be verified instantly by computer, whether for the grant of a mortgage or before the transfer of the property.

This change in conveyanc-ing practice needs a new legal framework to enable it to happen, the two bodies say. Secondly, present legisla-tion on land registration is

widely acknowledged to be lacking in clarity and unnecessarily complicated, they say. Thirdly, new principles for registered land need to be

established. In their consultation paper the two bodies propose a rule-

introduced, It also says there should be new rules on the acquisition of title to registered land, which would strengthen the case against squancrs.

Charles Harpuot a law commissioner, said: "These proposals will affect every house buyer in the country. We want to see the legal framework in place so that conveyancing can be achieved at the touch of a button."

The proposals would make the title to registered land (which means houses as well as land) more secure and provide better protection for rights in registered land.

The commission also wants

easements, restrictive covenants and options to be simplified, and the strength of the protection they give to be echanced.

A further proposal is that the number and scope of overriding interests (interests that are binding on buyers even though they are not protected on the register) should be reduced. In addition, the rules on competing priorities of estates, rights ond interests in registered land should be clearly defined.

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The rural look that calms speeding drivers

Michael Horsnell on a road trial

that replaces warning signs and

white lines with dirt-coloured grit

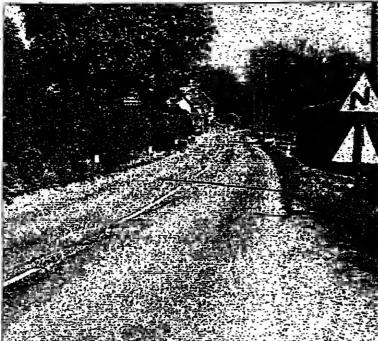
MOTORISTS in rural areas "In effect, motorists receive can be persuaded to drive visual signals which jolt them more slowly when the roads are made to look more like the country lanes they once were, Removing the central white dividing line, taking out road

warning signs and resurfacing the carriageway in a brownish grit have resulted in a significant reduction in the speed of traffic passing through a village in Norfolk. Starston, which has a few hundred inhabitants and lies on both sides of a busy B road, is heavily used by cars and lorries as a cross-country "rai run", the common fate of many such places. In trials lasting several months, and without the imposition of a

just over 31moh. Neil Mayhew, chief road safety engineer with Norfolk County Council, believes the scheme worked by making drivers more sensitive to the world outside their vehicles. out of autopilot mode into a realisation that the road is no longer just a car way but a route through somebody else's living space," he said.

Motorists entering Startson are greeted by a place name designed by an artist who lives in the village, rather than by the standard sign. It highlights the individual character of the village by incorporating a motif of a windmill, a local feature. Imposing a legal 30mph limit in the village would have entailed cluttering roadsides with more than 20 new roadside signs, Mr Mayhew said. Instead, it proved possible to remove tl existing warning

formal limit, average traffic speed was cut from 36mph to Mr Mayhew's scheme has so far proved too radical for the bureaucrats at county headquarters. They ordered him to put back the white line with the result that average traffic speed immediately re-





Starston village before, left, and during the trial. The central white line was later reinstated and traffic speeds went back up to pre-trial levels

turned to its previous level. Other techniques for slowing rural traffic being tested by Mr Mayhew and his colleagues include Frenchstyle signs that flash messages to individual motorists. South Lopham, a village

between Therford and Diss. is cut in half by the A1066. which has an average weekday traffic flow of about 6,000 vehicles. Some to months ago. the new interactive signs were installed at the western and eastern entrances to the vil-

lage to coincide with a reduc- to warn the driver to slow tion in the legal speed limit to 30mph from 40mph. The radar-controlled signs are triggered by any oncoming vehicles going faster than 35mph and display the vehicle's number for four seconds

Subsequent monitoring has shown that the average speed of vehicles driving through the village has come down from just under 41mph to 32.5mph for eastbound traffic

"This was a pretty stunning result." Mr Mayhew said. The general experience nationally is that, when you bring the limit down from 40mph to 30mph, you do not

Mr Mayhew, who is sharing his research data with the Department of the Environment. Transport and the Regions, plans to be running signs outside 16 villages by

by more than 2 or 3mph." As a result of the scheme's success, half a dozen conven-

have been removed.

tional "road narrows" and "slow" signs that had been cluttering the roadside in the village to little useful effect

Comparable traffic-slowing results have been achieved

with the new signs at a dangerous crossroads near

the village of Felthorpe and at

the approach to a bend out-side the village of Felbrigg, a notorious accident black spot.

the sign was installed at

Felbrigg were accident-free", Mr Mayhew said. "On previ-

ous experience we might have expected four or five during

this period. The sign then had

to be removed for four

months for repairs, during

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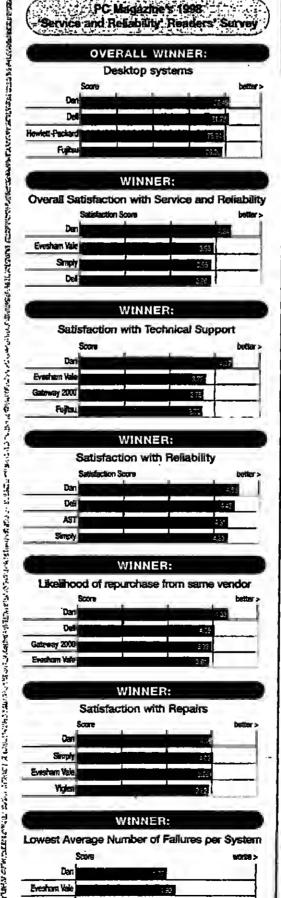


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Inquiry attacks **Dounreay over** safety problems

By GILLIAN HARRIS, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

DAMNING report on health and safety at the Dounreay nuclear plant holds weak management responsi-ble for "chronic safety problems" at the site and has ordered its operators, the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, to act immediately to make it safe for

decommissioning. The report's authors, the Health and Safety Executive and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, said there was no immediate danger, but among their 143 recommendations is a call for more effort to ensure that the plant is kept safe.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, has called for safety procedures to be tightened after the publication of the report on problems at the

Laithness site. The three-month inquiry was ordered by the Government in June after the power supply to Dounreay's fuel cycle area, where highly enriched radioactive materials are stored, was cut off for 16 hours when a digger cut a power cable.

One of the problems the HSE identified was the absence of a comprehensive strategy for dealing with the various forms of radioactive waste at the site. The audit team's main finding is that organisational changes made within the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority over

the last four years have so weakened the management and technical base at Dounreay that it is not in a good position to tackle what is now its principal mission — the decommission of the site," the report said.

The authority needs to invest considerable effort, time and resources at Dounreay to bring it up to the standards HSE requires for continued operation of the nuclear instal-lation, and to enable the site to be decommissioned safely and made safe generations."

Mr Dewar said he was concerned by the report's findings. "Although it is not possible to comment in detail at this stage, one thing is clear — Dounreay must get tough on safety. I have already made it clear that no new commercial reprocessing work will be carried out. Any reprocessing to deal with material already at site will not resume until all the points raised in this report

have been dealt with." John McKeown, chief executive of authority, said that it would publish a programme for implementing the works recommended in the report by November 30, as had been requested. Safety management is a continuously evolving process and we are pleased that the report recognises the efforts we are making to improve the arrangements at Dounreay."

Fish farmers look to Ice Age future

A RELIC of the last Ice Age could help to revive the flagging fortunes of salmon farmers in Scotland.

The Arctic char, which is found in 200 land-locked lakes in Britain, tastes like a trout. It is now being raised commercially by a fisb farmer on the Orkney island of Hoy. It is popular in Scandinavia

and is proving a hit at a fishmongers in Kirkwall, where the fish are being sent for sale to local restauraots and hotels. The breakthrough has been

made by John Eccles, who lives in Rackwick, a former crofting community on the island. His success has put him centre-stage in a £350,000 European-funded research programme involving universities in Glasgow, Austria and Iceland, along with fish farms in five countries. The aim is 10 reproduce Mr Eccles's success on Hoy, so that viable Arctic char eggs can be produced

Arctic char were once a migratory fish like salmon. leaving rivers for the open sea before returning as adults to spawn. But when the last Ice Age retreated, char were left behind in Scottish lochs and in the Lake District.

The water at Rackwick needs to be heated for Mr Eccles to raise young salmon successfully. He said yesterday: "I was looking to diversi-



Eccles: pioneered the farming of Arctic char

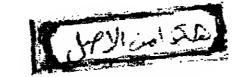
fy to a species that prefers older temperatures. An eel fishermen helped him to net char about to breed in the shallows of a Scottish loch, which were then stripped of their eggs. "I rushed back to Orkney with 5,000 eggs. It was a step into the unknown, but they had a high hatch rate and the fish grew very well," said Mr Eccles.

They actually seem to flourish in captivity, enjoying swimming together in shoals in tanks at the fish farm." Six years of effort then went ioto developing a system that allows Mr Eccles to supply about 100 fish a week to the

Kirkwall shop.
Billy Jolly, who runs the shop, said customers were excited about the chance to try something new. "Arctic char are plump and have a lovely pink flesh. They have a beautiful flavour, with a succulent. soft texture."

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FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yesterday accused the Russian partiament of holding the country to ransom over the appointment of Viktor Cher-

nomyrdin as Prime Minister. During a visit to a Moscow school on the first day of the academic year, and ahead of his talks with President Clinton, Mr Yeltsin said he would insist on Mr Chernomyrdin's

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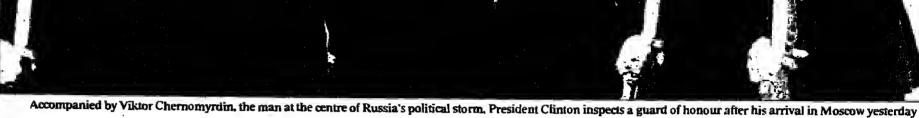
appointment. "He is my candidate, and I will insist on it [his confirmation]. Every day that is wasted means millions and millions in losses; it is a day lost for the country and for the hopes of the people." Mr Yeltsin said.

He was speaking in re-sponse to his continuing confrontation with the Duma, the So far neither side seems willing to give ground over Mr Chernomyrdin's confirmation, which was firmly defeated by the Duma on Monday.

The lower house is to vote for a second time on his appointment next Monday. But Gennadi Zyuganov said his Communist Party, which dominates the legislature, would again vote against it and would do so a third time if Mr Yeltsin put him forward again,

If the Duma rejects Mr Chernomyrdin three times, Mr Yeltsin has no option but to dissolve parliament, call fresh elections within three. months and, in the interim, rule the country by decree, with Mr Chernomyrdin, or anyone else he chooses, as his Prime Minister.

Mr Zyuganov said that by renominating Mr Chernomyr-



Yelisin had gone back on an understanding reached be-tween his administration and currency market and improve the liquidity of banks. He also promised to reduce Gennadi Seleznyov, the Dutaxanon — a measure clearly aimed at winning support in the Duma. Mr Chernomyrdin ma's Speaker. Now any further consultations would be also said he had sent a list of proposed government minis-ters to Mr Yeltsin, but he did Mr Chernomyrdin himself was last night still holding out

people's savings, restore the

the possibility of a deal. He not reveal any names. told interfax news agency that Talks on Sunday between he was ready to meet any political leaders for negotiarepresentatives of Mr Yeltsin and parliamentary leaders tions. While still declining to came very close to a deal give details of his proposed under which Mr Yeltsin stabilisation plan, he said his would have ceded key powers.

to vet the Cabinet, in exchange for a approval of Mr Chernomyrdin. But, at the last minute. The Communists, apparently believing they could wring even more concessions out of the President, withdrew. prompting Mr Yeltsin to say that he would not sign the deal

Now much of the conciliatory atmosphere that preceded Monday's vote appears to have dissipated. Mr Yeltsin, who in the past has shown no lack of appetite for confrontarion, is clearly in a pugnacious

along fine" - she emphasised "fine" with a weary nod.

Her hostess remarked that

it was a pity that so many businesses in Russia were run

reached over the next few days, may withdraw all con-cessions proposed in recent days and challenge his opponents to risk their parliamentary seats with a third-round

The Federation Council, the upper house of parliament, which groups the regional governors and city mayors, is to convene tomorrow. According to Vladimir Ryzhkov. First Deputy Speaker of the Duma and a member of Mr Chernomyrdin's Our Home is Russia party, the session will decide does so, Mr Ryzhkov believes a compromise will still be found. In Moscow yesterday some

nine million regular users of the Metro were reminded of the economic crisis when they found that the price of a single journey had jumped overnight by 50 per cent, from two roubles to three. The rise was an accurate reflection of the rouble's slide over the past two weeks: converied into sterling. the fare still amounts to only

about 20p. Prices of imported products

confirmation to the Duma. If it have gone up by between 80 and 100 per cent, while domestie staples have also risen, but only by about 20 per cent. according to a survey carried

out by interfax.

□ Politician held: According to reports here quoring the public prosecutor's office. Russian police yesterday arrested Vladimir Petrov, 44, the outgoing First Deputy Finance Minister, on suspicion of bribetaking and illegally helping a commercial bank. The reports did not name the bank in-

Bear hug begins talks of cold comfort

senseless, he said.

Duma faction leaders. Mr

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN-Moscow

IT LOOKED like a summit. Cold. War superpowers behaved like men who held the fate of the world in their

But in the finest Russian tradition, yesterday's meeting between President Yeltsin and President Clinton was little summit" - the diplomatic unfolding in Russia. equivalent of the take villages " "The man in the raincoat erected by Prince Potemkin to meeting him with the goose-

impress Catherine the Great. . Unlike the famous disarmament talks between Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev in Reykjavik or the memorable encounter be-tween Kennedy and Khruevent was historic only in as much as it could be the last. time the two men meet as

leaders of their countries. Despite the long cavalcade of presidential limousines, the televised signing ceremony of obscure documents and the Boris show", as previous sum-

SUMMIT

Kremlin, the meeting was best characterised by one Russian commentator as the "summit of the unfortunates".

From the moment Mr Clinton stepped off Air Force One into a rainy autumnal morning, he was brought face to more vahani va . "Potemkin face with the dramatic crisis

stepping honour guard was Viktor Chernomyrdin, the acting Prime Minister, who was still recovering from the verbal onslaught he received on Monday from parliamentary deputies who threw out his shchev in Vienna, yesterday's nomination and any hopes of a swift end to Russia's political

> The bear hug and backslap that the American leader received at the Kremlin from President Yeltsin was more in keeping with the "Bill and

mits between the two men have been nicknamed.

After squeezing the ceremonial Russian welcome gift of a sounded like a summit and at - clink of champagne glasses at loaf of bread and then watch-times the two leaders of the last night's banquet in the ing it spring back into shape, Mr Clinton looked up at his host and said: "It's amazing. Just like you."

This time, however, the Kremlin leader will need ail the spring left in his ailing body to bounce back from his present crisis.

He tried his best to demonstrate that he was still a statesman, despite the steady crumbling of his authority and the continuing frenzied speculation about his early

As for Mr Clinton, he set out to prove he could still make a difference on the world stage, despite the shadow cast from his admission of an affair with Monica Lewinsky, the former White House trainee. In the end, though, all he could do was offer comfort and advice - but no money to save his old friend from bankruptcy. tronically, the most telling

comments of the day came not

from the two heads of state. but from their wives, Naina and Hillary, who toured a women's clothing factory in

Breaking her silence for the first time in public since her husband made his televised confession about his affair with Ms Lewinsky, Mrs Clin-

ton said she had been "getting

by men. She paused, before adding without a hint of irony: "Men love to be in charge." think that's bad."

either.

Bronwen Maddox, page 16

President Yeltsin welcomes Mr Clinton yesterday in what could be their last meeting as world leaders

Moscow pundits predict state-of-emergency decree

By ROBIN LODGE

PRESIDENT YELTSIN, exasperated by the State Duma's refusal to endorse Viktor Chernomyrdin as Prime Minister, is considering using his powers to dissolve parliament and declare a state of emergency, two Russian newspapers said yesterday.

The daily Nezavisimava Gazeta said Monday's vote would have monstrous conse-quences for the Russian economy. It said it would be better for Mr Yeltsin to dissolve the Duma straight away rather than waste more time going through three rounds of voting on Mr Chernomyrdin's candidacy - which could take another two weeks.

It said Mr Yeltsin could either dissolve the Duma and call new parliamentary elec-tions or simply declare a state of emergency. According to the paper, talks between Mr Yeltsin and Mr Chernomyrdin after Monday's vote THE PRESS

- when both men expressed the view that it was impossible to deal with the Duma pointed indirectly at the second option. Another newspaper, Russky

Telegraf. quoted Mr Yeltsin's press secretary, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, as saying the two men had discussed dissolution at that meeting. It pointed out that the constitution gave Mr Yeltsin the right to dissolve parliament and suggested that the Communists' decision to renege on Sunday's power-sbaring deal had pushed him to the brink of doing so.

The presidential side agreed to an unprecedented compromise with the Duma's left-wing opposition." Russky Telegraf wrote. "The President wanted to sign the agreement between the branches of government, but the left-wing opposition did not recipro-

cate. This opens other ways out of the present situation. Several newspapers be-lieved that Mr Yeltsin was also considering other possible candidates as Prime Minister. They agreed the most likely figures would be Yegor Stroyev, the chairman of the Federation Council, the upper house of parliament. Aman Tuleyev, the moderate Communist governor of Kemerovo, or Yuri Luzhkov, the

The daily Moskorsky

Komsomolets noted that Mr Luzhkov's own attitude appeared to have changed over recent days. White only four days ago he declared his support for Mr Chernomyrdin, the paper quoted him as saying that the former Prime Minister was discredited by former blunders. tt suggests that the reason for Mr Luzhkov's change of heart could be the fact that his own name had come up as a possible head of government.

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Leader of Republicans denounces President

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

Lott says the President

supported by Democrats.

such a shutdown was blamed

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S affair with Monica Lewinsky has been denounced as "disgusting" by Trent Lott, leader of the Republican majority in the Senate.

The President had squandered the "moral dimension" of his presidency in scandal and deception, Mr Lott said. As a husband and father, the Senate leader was offended by the President's behaviour and by the "tragic example" he had set for young Americans.

dency had been diminished in stature and credibility. He asked whether, without the necessary respect, Mr Clinton could still provide leadership. Virtually no one in either party has rallied to Mr Clinton's support since he admitted that he had lied to the

He deplored how the presi-

country for seven months over his relationship with Ms Lewinsky. Last week, Richard Gephardt, leader of the Democratic minority in the House, described Mr Clinton's con-

duct as "reprehensible".

Mr Lott stopped short of calling for Mr Clinton's resignation, but he backed away from his earlier inference that he would settle for censuring the President. Now he promised only to reserve judgment until this month's report from Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, which will address whether Mr Clinton should be impeached on charges of obstructing justice

and perjury. Mr Lott's remarks were a harbinger of how the President's sexual liaison with the former While House trainee will dominate what promise to be a chaotic final six weeks of

the congressional calendar be- on the Republicans in 1995 and nearly cost them control fore members go home to campaign for the November of the House. Through inertia and squabbling, this Congress The Starr report will be a has already given up on several important ideas, indistraction as Congress struggles to agree on tax cuts from cluding campaign finance rethe anticipated budget surform, legislation to impose plus, much favoured by penalties on tobacco com-House conservatives, and tries panies and healthcare mea-

to pass 13 spending Bills needed to finance the federal rights. Government. Mr Clinton has Mr Clinton's proposals for childcare, new schools and the threatened to veto more than half of them if they come to his hiring of 100,000 new teachers desk weighed down with proare all comatose, but Democrats will try to revive them long enough to hitch them posals from the Republicans, who control Congress, that he finds offensive. briefly to all legislation com-He objected, for example, to ing to a vote. But there is no a Bill that contains Republiway to pay for them without revenue from the abandoned

> Mr Lott also emphasised that the US Government was united with the President in the face of international terrorism and other threats to national security, but he questioned whether Mr Clinton would be able to provide national and international leadership in the wake of the scandal. "That's what really matters. Will he, can he provide leadership at a very critical time internationally and domestically? And I guess only time will answer that

sures to protect patients'

Last night, Tom Daschle, has set tragic example Senate Democratic leader, discan proposals for cutting puted Mr Lott's comments money to the poor for homethat the presidency was diminished. Interviewed on CNN. heating fuel and summer Senator Daschle said polls youth jobs, both programmes showed support for Mr Clin-Mr Lott complained that ton and said: "The presidency Mr Clinton's veto threats were itself is something we have great respect for regardless of really an attempt to trap the Republicans into bringing the whether we agree with the Government to a halt. Just President on any one of a

number of different actions."

question," he said.



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luge forest fires have raged again in Indonesia, killing thousands of animals.

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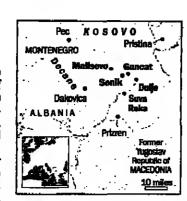
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Ethnic Albanians plead for help as Serbs surround village

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN GUNCAT.

CORRALLED into a narrow strip of land by a tightening noose of Serb forces, more than 12,000 ethnic Albanians in Guncat, central Kosovo, yesterday awaited a fate similar to that of besieged enclaves in eastern Bosnia.

"The Serbs can come whenever they want to, as there is nothing to stop them," said Ilir Gashi, a young Albanian man, as thick coils of smoke rose in the distance. They should send a UN or Red Cross representative to live here and stop the Serbs from killing us. from slaughtering the people here like those in Srebrenica were



The refugees have good reason to be afraid. Some are survivors of the Serb attack on a civilian column fleeing Senik. little more than a mile to the west, that five days ago left 17 dead and over 50

At the edge of a main road linking Malisevo and Dulje, both ends of which are already held by Serb security forces. Guncat has been encircled by troops who. seemingly unopposed by the crumbling Kosovo Liberation Army, have moved into the surrounding hills. They have already been seen taking up position on a peak barely half a mile away from

the village, and it seems only a matter of time before the attack begins. Five days ago, the first shell to fall on the village killed a 75-year-old man and wounded three women, among them his With nowhere to run, the man-

tle of fear that has developed over Guncat is almost tangible. The muddy streets of the small village,

little more than 1,500, are crammed with people forced to flee any one of over 35 villages recently captured by the Serbs. All the available space in the houses

is already taken up with women

and children.

Inauspiciously, there are many young men, potentially of combat age, clustered in frightened knots in the main square. There are no guns or traces of uniform in Guncat, but the Serbs are unlikely to be too discerning about whether these men were former KLA fighters or civilians if they

Sewage seeps up from overloaded pipes as new files of refugees are directed to farm buildings made of wattle and

whose pre-war population was daub, and until a few days ago inhabited by animals.

"Everyone crowded here is already tired and hungry." said Ragip Zekolli, a refugee from Suva Reka who was present during the killings at Senik.
"Some people are already getting sick. We have little medicine and

are worried about an epedemic."
On Sunday two UNICEF vehides reached the village through the Serb lines. They distributed a ton of flour and medicines before departing, but there are so many people here that local authorities estimate that without re-supply. barely a week's worth of food remains. As it is, there are not enough wood stoves to cook for

The sense of fear, the filth,

squalor and abject despair are further accentuated by the familiar refrain of desperate appeals for help to an outside world that is sure to ignore the people's peril.

"We beg the Americans and President Clinton to help us," said Osman Hoxha. One of Guncat's elders. He is 72, although he looks about 100. Around him cluster scores of people and for a moment his voice is measured, before something seems to break within

"The Serbs are killing us and burning our houses," be continues, shaking now with rage, his words tumbling into one another.

They are killing our women and children, we cannot work in our gardens, travel our roads or walk in our villages." He rips off

his skull cap and smashes his walking stick against the ground. "We beg America, we beg America, we beg America." The crowd stands in stunned silence, staring at the crackling flames and plumes of smoke across the valley.

Pristina: Serb forces attacked an ethnic Albanian village southwest of here after inhabitants ignored a warning to surrender weapons following an ambush on a Serb patrol, according to sources

The Albanian-run Kosovo Information Centre said the attack began on Tuesday morning on the village of Tusus, about 40 miles southwest of the capital. Smoke could also be seen rising from four other villages in the area. (AP)

Euro faces baptism of fire at launch

SINKING stocks and hints of global recession are forcing European governments to scrap their assumptions about a serene launch lor the single currency in 16 weeks time, but they insist that, without the euro, the Russian crisis would be hitting the European Union

The chiefs of the new European Central Bank met in Frankfurt yesterday to take stock of an incipient meltdown that threatens the continental recovery that was supposed to offer a dream launch-pad for the euro among II of the 15 EU states. One upshot of the crisis could be a move by the bank to set lower euro interest rates to head off a deflationary spiral. This would mark a big break from the German-inspired doctrine that sees a fight against inflation as the bank's paramount mission.

The goal of the EU, and Germany in particular, which is by far the most exposed to the Eastern crisis, is to shore up Russia before its debacle infects the central European states now preparing for EU membership. To this end, a flurry of diplomatic activity is under way involving the EU. America and the other G7 members. The telephone lines are burning," a spokesman for Jacques Santer, President of the Commission, said.

Market turmoil has shattered hopes

of a serene debut for the single

currency, Charles Bremner writes

Stripped of their forecast steady growth, the "Euroland" economies will be hardpressed to stick to the budgetary strait-jacket imposed on them by Germany. To keep the euro-economy growing, the European Bank is expected to set lower than expected interest rates next January. But, while potentially good for France and Germany, this could be bad for such already overheated economies as

De Silguy: sees euro

Spain and Ireland and could strain the vital harmony among the euro states.

The monetary project is so far advanced, however, and driven by such strong political will that few doubt the currency will launch on schedule. So far, the markets have failed to test this wisdom, leaving unchallenged the parities among the 11 currencies that were announced last May and which will be locked in next January. Yves Thibault de Silguy, the European Mone-tary Commissioner, said the euro was already acting as a "safety belt", adding: "I do not know what the situation would be now if we had not

taken these decisions in May." But some experts believe a deepening crisis could still drive the currencies apart as investors flee to German state bonds. Strong pressure on the Danish, Swedish, Greek and Norwegian currencies, all outside the euro, have reinforced the belief on the Continent that "Euroland" is proving a

the EU's haven status yesterday. "We are an island of stability and our growth is unbroken," he said after a round ol telephone calls to other finance ministers.

A hint of Schadenfreude can be detected in the predictions of some EU officials that further upward pressure on sterling and interest rates could force Britain into an early conversion to monetary formidible lightning conductor. One can clearly see that it is protecting us," said Domi-nique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister.

He and the other optimists are drawing on the belief that the euro zone will be wellequipped to weather a global storm because the 11 states will be effectively merging into a single domestic market which depends on exports for only 10 per cent of its economic ouput. Fortress Euroland" will thus be able to sustain itself as a big regional market comparable to the United States, they say. However, the brave declarations have been wearing thin as the world slide has gathered pace, focusing attention on the true extent of the euro zone's exposure. M de Silguy acknowledged the risks when he called for the special fi-

Theo Waigel, the German nance meeting.



Eyeing the competition: Gerhard Schröder, left, looks across at his election rival, Helmut Kohl, at a ceremony in Bonn yesterday. Between them is President Herzog

Schröder ruffled after interview with mother

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE 84-year-old mother of Gerhard Schröder bas lurched into the campaign to oust Chancellor Kohl, and the candidate is furious.

"Have we reached the stage where my own mother needs a press minder?" he erupted when shown the draft text of an interview given by his mother, a retired cleaning

In fact the interview, to be published by Bunte magazine tomorrow, is only mildly embarrassing and she promises to perform well on two talk shows scheduled for the next fortnight.

Mothers have a way, how-

ever, of wrongfooting their adult sons and Herr Schröder was plainly uncomfortable when reporters began to seek her out. In election rallies Herr Schröder frequently quotes the example of his mother - a tough war widow who went cleaning to support the family — as a model of common sense. Politically. however, she is apt to stray on to dangerous terrain.

In the Bunte interview she painted a picture of her son as a brilliant, ambitious, good-hearted young boy — but a very poor loser. "He could be really unpleasant if he lost at

words like 'crap' and say things like You must have cheated mum, otherwise I would have won'."

Schröder's mother, called Erica Vosseler because she remarried after the death of Gerhard's father - was rather curt about her son's Social Democratic colleague and erstwhile rival, party chairman Oskar Lafontaine. Do you like him? she was asked: "Oh, be's all right."

Then she tipped possible partners for her son, should be win the general election on September 27. If the Social Democrats have to form a grand coalition with the Christian Democrats, she would favour the choice of Volker Rühe, the current Defence Minister, as a vicechancellor to her son. She also showed a very sophisticated nose for opinion polling trends. "I reckon that Gerhard and the Social Democrats will get at least 4 per cent more than the Christian Democrats and the Christian Social Union."

Although most politicians wheel out their mothers at one time or another, rarely do they play such a direct role as Frau Vosseler. When the Green Party warned that Germans would have to curb their

holidays abroad to save petrol. Frau Vosseler rang up ber son to steer him away from making an alliance with a party that could threaten her trips to Majorca.

Herr Schröder is evidently still very connected to his mother. He pays the rent on her apartment and fulfilled one of her dreams by sending a black Mercedes to pick her up from home when he be-came Prime Minister of Low-

er Saxony. The candidate for the chancellorship, now 54, left school at the age of 16 to work in a porcelain shop but later re-turned to complete his schoolleaving exams. During holidays he worked on a building site carrying sacks of cement. His first love, his mother reveals in the interview, was a girl who played the organ at the local church. She still calls up Frau

Herr Schröder recently married for the fourth time. and a survey of women conducted by the German issue of Playboy showed that 41 per cent were certain that he would again embark on an adulterous affair. "My Gerhard would not do that now," said his mother. "Doris [his wife] is a real sweetie."

Vosseler.

Wolves and lynxes return to the Alps in Italy

FROM RICHARD OWEN

WOLVES and lynxes are returning to the Italian Alps in large numbers after an absence of more than a century, according to the International Commission for the Protection of the Alps.

In its annual report, issued in Turin, the Commission confirmed the reappearance in the Alps of brown bears, which last year were reported to have returned to the region for the first time in 130 years. "The great Alpine predators are back," the report said. The revival of mountain wildlife was in spite of hunting, in-creased human settlement and "the erosion of the animals' natural habitat through deforestation".

The last recorded Alpine wolves were hunted down and killed in Piedmont towards the end of the last century. But a spokesman for the Italian branch of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) said bears and wolves were crossing into Italy from neighbouring Slovenia where they had managed to survive. A mountain ranger in the Italian Dolomites recently reported seeing two bears approach his hut. They were timid and ran off," he said. Bears are not aggressive and hardly ever attack people unless provoked."

Parmers and shepherds said they were concerned about the danger posed to livestock by wolves and lynxes, which prey on sheep and goats as well as deer and wild boar. Lynxes were wiped out in the Alps in the last century. but are believed to have mi grated back to Italy from the Carpathian mountains of

Eastern Europe. Wolves and bears are increasingly common in the Maritime Alps, and in the Appenine ranges in Tuscany, Emilia and Liguria. Wolves have even been spotted near Rome, according to Luigi Boitani, a zoologist at La Sapienza University in Rome. He said wolves -- once venerated because of the legend that a she-wolf suckled Romulus and Remus, the city's founders were "slowly repopulating Lazio" and had been reported recently in the hills around Tivoli, about 13 miles from



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Marketing men try to boost Dachau's image

By ROGER BOYES

DACHAU, the site of Nazi Germany's first concentration camp, is trying to brush up its image with the help of a top marketing company.

The move is part of a trend in towns adjoining former death camps - from Auschwitz to Buchenwald — to make themselves more attractive to visitors and profit from their

About 800,000 people a year travel by subway from the centre of Munich to nearby Dachau, yet, laments Kurt Piller, the new mayor, very

mood to bite into a sandwich

after visiting the concentration

camp," admits Uta Wüst, who

works for the MCG consulting

few spend money there. "No one is really in the

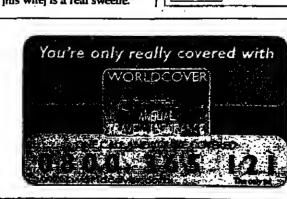
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company on Dachau's image. Dachau T-shirts lic unsold in local shops and companies The Munich branch of the

Goethe Institute - the Ger-man equivalent of the British Council - has mail delivered to its rear entrance to disguise the fact that the office is on Dachau Strasse. Mothers prefer to give birth in Munich. Almost 32,000 people died

in the camp, which was set up in Spring 1933 as a prison for political opponents, including Communists and Jews. Herr Pillar still hopes to

attract a Coca Cola factory to the town. A more realistic plan is a poster campaign in which smiling inhabitants declare: "I'm from Dachau."









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Weizman calls for Israeli election

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

EZER WEIZMAN, the Israeli President, provoked a furore yesterday by spearheading a new campaign to force an early general election two years before the scheduled date of 2000.

An aide to Binyamin Netanvahu, the right-wing Prime Minister, accused the popular President of colluding with the Opposition to bring forward the poll after Mr Weizman held talks with Ehud Barak. leader of the main Opposition

Labour Party.
The President is acting openly, together with the Opposition, to overthrow the Netanyahu Government." the aide said in advance of a key meeting today of a knesset committee to discuss the future of a Bill to annul parliament. It unexpectedly passed its preliminary reading as the legislature rose for its summer vacaoon.

Mr Weizman defended his meeting with Mr Barak. He is to consult many others from the ruling coalition and Opposinon in coming days. I initiated this meeting, he said. "There is a Knessel

decision for early elections." Government officials blamed election jitters as one reason why Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, this week rejected an offer by Israel to withdraw troops from 13 per cent more of the West Bank.

Aides to Mr Weizman said he had decided to press for an early poll because of the growth in unemployment, labour unrest and the impasse in the peace negotiations, which he fears will spark a new

Middle East war. The President's involvement in the Opposition's bid for early elections provoked angry reactions from the rulmg Likud Party. Yosef Lapid. one of Israel's leading columnists, wrote in Maariv that Mr Weizman's actions amounted to "a crude intervention in the political process".

Mr Barak said: "The Government has lost its moral authority to rule in the light of the social crisis, the mired diplomatic process and the rifts it is causing within the Israeli nation. Mr Netanyahu rules with a slim majority of 61-59.



Bremner

Prime Minister, nine months

ahead of general elections. Most of the accused are mem-

bers of the two Socialist par-

ties, which are part of his

coalirion Government. How-

ever, with most of the evidence

already public, it would take

spectacular revelations, possi-

bly involving the still unsolved

murder case, to spark a new

political crisis, commentators

Mr Claes, 59, a long-serving

former foreign and economics

minister who was forced to

step down from his position as

Nato Secretary-General in

1995, faces a possible three-

year prison term, along with nine colleagues from the twin

Flemish and French-speaking

Socialist parties, for accepting

£2 million from

WILLY CLAES, the former chief of Nato, enters the dock today along with nine other former Belgian ministers and party officials and the head of the Dassault aerospace firm in a Brussels trial that is expected to expose corruption at the heart of the Belgian poliocal

Dubbed the "trial of the century", the two-month hearing into alleged kickbacks on aerospace contracts is seen as Belgium's version of the judicial purges that have struck the old political elites of Italy and, to a lesser extent, France and Spain.

The case, which was sparked by the murder in 1991 of a former deputy prime minister, is also a test of reforms to Belgium's judicial system after the crisis over the alleged paedophile murders of Marc Dutroux. The Dutroux scandal, in

1996, was seen as a symptom of institutional rot which discredited the political establish-

Although few revelations are expected, the spectacular trial is an embarrassment to the administration of Jean-Luc the centre-right

are found guilty of paying the money to the Socialist parties m return for securing the government contracts. A key defendant, Rafaello Teti, the former head of Agusta, died

last week, aged 72. The accused, who are not charged with personal enrichment, all deny wrongdoing in a case that springs from a system of party financing that was widely acknowledged to have been corrupt. Belgium banned the corporate funding of political parties in 1993.

Investigating judges began unearthing evidence of bribes first from Agusta and then Dassault in 1991, when they were investigating the murder of Andre Cools, the deputy prime minister, who was shot in a Mafia-style "hir" as he was leaving the flat of his mistress in Liege.

According to rumour, Cools had threatened to expose party

orruption.
With the aid of extensive media leaks, the prosecutors pursued the case in the face of fierce resistance from Bel-gium's political elite. Ministers were forced to resign in the face of mounting evidence of funds being channelled into party coffers through banks in Luxembourg and Switzerland and bogus corporations. The scandal also claimed the life of General Jacques Lefebvre, a former Air Force chief of staff, who committed spicide in a Brussels hotel in 1995.

Analysts are reluctant to predict the impact the trial could have on Belgium's other main parties, which have so far been largely untouched by the corruption investigation. But politicians are nervous that ambitious prosecutors might now turn in tions to the funding of other



A woman covers her face as she enters a prison gymnasium converted into a court to try 138 people accused of having links with Algeria's Armed Islamic Group. Some of the defendants have been in custody for four years

Lawyers protest as terror suspects face mass hearing in French gym

AMID a storm of complaint over the way the prosecution has been handled, the trial began outside Paris yesterday of 138 people suspected of aiding Algerian Islamic terrorists.

The accused are charged with being members of or providing support for, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most militant of the organisations trying to overthrow the military-backed Government in Algiers. They were all arrested in

the Paris region between 1994 and 1996.
A prison gymnasium in the southern suburb of Fleury-Merogis bas been converted into a temporary court to accommodate the trial, the largest of its kind ever held in France. The accused, many of whom are also being prosecuted collecting money and arms for the GIA.

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

under immigration laws, all deny being members of a terrorist group or of aiding the Islamic rebels. If found guilty, they face up to ten years in prison. Defence lawyers claim the mass trial is

unfair. Some of the accused bave been in custody for four years.

GIA bombings in Paris in 1995 killed eight people and, while none of the defendants has been charged with acts of terrorism, their lawyers claim prosecutors are conducting a show trial. "They have opted for a spectacle at the expense of the rights of the defence," said Pierre Haik, a lawyer for Muhammad Chalabi. allegedly one of the principal organisers ork, who is charged with

When described in court as "Algerian". M Chalabi, 43, yesterday interrupted proceedings to insist that he was of "Muslim nationality", adding: "I have nothing to do with the military junta.

They are Algerians. I am a Muslim."
The so-called "Chalabi Network" is accused of arms trafficking and providing support for the Algerian terrorists. Muhammad Kerouche, another alleged ringleader of the network, was extradited from Britain last December.

More than 40 defence lawyers have signed a protest claiming that their clients' rights have been infringed, and the Paris Bar has expressed concerns over the legal propriety of the mass trial,

Willy Claes at a Nato meeting in 1995, a week before he resigned. He could face three years in prison

Missile test angers Japan

FROM REUTERS IN TOKTO

AN OUTRAGED Japan announced last night it would break off diplomatic talks with North Korea and refuse to give food aid to the Stalinist state after Pyongyang testlaunched a long-range missile

over Japanese territory.
The latest-generation missile, which officials said contained three separate stages. was launched on Monday. The final stage landed in the Pacific Ocean after flying over northern Japan, demonstrating North Korea's ability to strike at any Japanese city. The Defence Agency sent

ships to the area in hopes of recovering debris to give scienosts a better idea of the missile's capability. "The pub-

lic has a high degree of anxiety and I am extremely con-cerned, Keizo Obuchi, the Prime Minister, was quoted

"If the firing was intentional, it's quite fair to say that a war could have broken out," Yoshiro Mori, secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said.

After Mr Obuchi met senior Cabinet officials, the Government said Japan would refuse any food aid requests to help the North Koreans after three years of drought and floods had created widespread shortages. It also would suspend aid for a nuclear power station meant to help North Korea to develop energy supplies and end talks aimed at normalising diplomatic relations. We had been prepared to

engage in talks to normalise bilateral relations unconditionally but we will change this policy," the Government said in a statement. "Depending on future developments, the Government is ready to

consider further measures." South Korean Defence Min-istry officials said in Seoul the missile was a Daepodong, a newer version of the mediumrange Rodong I, which was test launched in 1993, with a

range of 1,200 miles. Cheon Yong Taek, the Defence Minister, and Fukushiro Nukaga, Japan's Defence Agency chief, agreed in Tokyo last night that the two nations would jointly investigate North Korea's weapons programme.

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Ski plunge jet crew on

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new charge Washingtoo: Extra charges of obstruction of justice have been brought against the pilot and navigator of a US Marine Corps jet that severed a ski-lift cable in the Italian Alps last February, sending 20 skiers in a gondola to their deaths (Ian

a gondoia writes).

Richard Ashby, 31, the pilot, and Joseph Schweitzer, 30, the navigator, have now been accused of hiding or destroying a videotape apparently made during the flight, the Marines said yesterday.

Washington: There is no evi-

dence for the theory that

or chemical weapons, a Senate committee concluded. (AP)

One Nation gain

Sydney: A surge in support for

Australia's One Nation Party

is jeopardising the Govern-

ment's re-election chances and could give Pauline Hanson the balance of power, a poll in The Australian suggested.

Fresh Aids fear Paris: French researchers have found a new strain of the Aids virus that may not be

detectable in routine screen-

ing. It was discovered in a

woman from Cameroon, who has since died. (AFP)

Population rise

Paris: The world population growth has slowed, but it will pass the six-billion mark in

June with the largest genera-

UN report says. (AFP)

Rex rolls over

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Ronald Reagan, has died aged

13. A fixture of the Administration. Rex will be buried at the Reagans' former ranch out-

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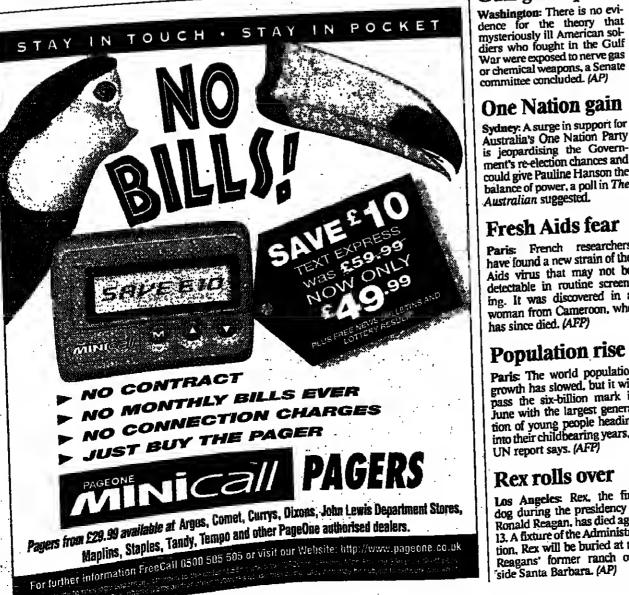
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All right, Marilyn, be sexy, said Olivier

In the second extract from her book Barbara Leaming describes Monroe's stormy relationship with Olivier

ON FEBRUARY 5, 1956, Laurence and called to her, begging her to Olivier, Terence Rattigan and Olivier's manager, Cecil Tennant, flew into New York. Marilyn not only wanted Olivier to co-star in her first independent production, The Prince and the Showgirl, she also hoped that he would direct as well. But now that Olivier had finally arrived for their first meeting, Marilyn was terror-stricken.

As his business parmer, Milton Greene, served the guests drinks and entertained them in the living room. Marilyn hid in the bedroom. For more than two hours Olivier's commanding tenor filled the three small rooms of the apartment. The guests were becoming opsy, yet there was still no sign of Marilyn. Finally, Olivier took matters in

hand. He went to the bedroom door

come out and end the suspense.

In his son's words, Olivier saw in Marilyn "the prospect of glamour and money". Preoccupied with his rapidly approaching 50th birthday. Olivier saw a chance to feel young

The door inched open. "I'm sorry, just didn't know what to wear. Marilyn murmured. She wore a simple, dark dress and a touch of make-up. "Should I be casual or formal? I went through my entire wardrobe twice, but everything I tried on wasn't kinda right." She believed that she had been

dressing for one of the most important encounters of her life. She wanted Olivier to take her seriously yet, at the same time, years of experience told her that if she played "the

girl" few men could resist. There was no way that Marilyn could be sure of the right image to project. By the time she had spoken, how-

ever. Olivier was at her feet. He found her adorable and amusing, more physically attractive than anyone be could imagine. The next day he agreed to direct and co-star in

He didn't just want to go to bed with Marilyn or have an affair. He wanted, as he said, "to fall shatter-ingly in love". That is what had hap-pened when he met Vivien Leigh. He even fantasised about divorcing the latter in order to marry Marilyn, just as he had left Jill Esmond for

Olivier went home smitten with Marilyn, eager to encounter this strange, dazzling creature again.

badly. Miller's appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) had not gone well. "Arthur Miller Admits Helping Communist-Front Groups in '40s," declared that morning's New York Times. The message wasn't that Miller had bravely refused to name names; it was that he had a Communist past. Miller had come across as long-winded and not very likeable. At best he had been boring, at worst pompous and self-absorbed. What sympathetic coverage there was concerned Miller's plan to marry Marilyn Monroe sometime be-

ARTHUR MILLER AND

MARILYN MONROE.

AN ILL-FATED LOVE MATCH

fore July 13. That something had gone very wrong the previous day became clear when Marilyn returned to her apartment. Photographers accosted her as she tried to slip in the service entrance. "Leave me alone, boys. I'm a mess," she pleaded.

Ignoring her profests - at one point she put a hand in front of her face - the men snapped away. Shocked and upset, she rushed inside and went up in a service elevator. The incident had been a frightening reminder of what could happen to her image if her association with Miller caused the press to turn on her. The

riday. June 22, started next day's papers were sure to run the unflattering pictures.

Meanwhile, Francis Walter, the chairman of the HUAC. told reporters that Miller would almost certainly be cited for contempt. What did that mean for Miller's pass-port application? Did the HUAC really plan to interfere with his honeymoon?

"I don't suppose there are too many places in this country where he wouldn't enjoy a

honeymoon with Marilyn Monroe," Walter declared. "Without his passport?" asked a re-

"Without his passport," the chairman pointedly replied.

The implication was clear. Miller would not be permitted to accompany Marilyn to England, where she was to face what she imagined to be the greatest challenge of her career: a co-starring role with Laurence Olivier in The Prince and the Showgirl. In the event, the HUAC resolution ses*s*ion was not

what anyone in

Initially, the news seemed good. The HUAC had voted unanimously to wait ten days before deciding on a contempt citation. But this was just a breather for Miller to change his mind about naming parture for England.

Miller's camp had anticipated.

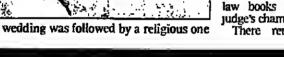
names. He had until July 7, six having got monstrously out of hand. Believing that once the days before the scheduled deformalities were over the cir-Reporters had begun to ascus would end, he arranged for semble in anocipation of the the ceremony to take place at

the Westchester County Court House in White Plains, New York. Miller had ordered a ring from Cartier but it wasn't ready, so he borrowed a wedding band for the ceremony, Marilyn wore a shortsleeved sweater, Miller a blue blazer

rapidly escalating heat.

Judge Robinowitz pronounced Arthur Miller and Marilyn Monroe man and wife at 7:21pm. Champagne was produced, the extoasting each other in front of a shelf of law books in the judge's chamber.

sweater and white



ised to make that afternoon. the question of Miller's pass-As many as 400 gathered outport. At the last minute his lawside Miller's farmhouse in the yer struck a deal with the State Department. If Miller signed Eager "to stop all the publici-ty", Miller decided to get maran affidavit promising to re-turn in the event of a contempt ried immediately. It was a way of seizing control, the situation trial, he would be issued a passport valid for six months.

Arriving in London, Mari-lyn was hardly in an ideal frame of mind to begin rehears-als on July 30. Olivier had been at work for three quarters of an hour when she arrived. Her lateness was the first strike against her. Her unkempt appearance and withdrawn manner were the second. Olivier did his best to stay calm. He saw her appearance as an expression of disdain for

the very idea of rehearsal. But it was when filming began that Olivier made his big mistake. As director as well as co-star, it was up to him to get the best from Marilyn. He tried the jokey approach: "All right, Marilyn, be sexy."

he remark misfired badly. Marilyn, indignant, ran off the set. Olivier's words may have been ill-chosen but all he had been asking her to do was to become "Marilyn". His re-mark had been nothing less than an acknowledgement that, as an actress, she knew exactly what she was doing. Marilyn took the words to mean that Olivier had never thought of her as and never would.

Olivier seems not to have re-alised quite what had hapbut the incident doomed their working relationship. From then on she aban-doned all belief in the transforming power of a role she had worked hard to make her own. Whatever she might have hoped, it was clear that her association with "the greatest actor alive" was not going to change her life. She felt like a fool for ever having imag-ined that Olivier could take her seriously. Her anger at herself turned outward; after this Marilyn not only distrusted Olivier, she actively hated him.

More than ever Marilyn looked forward to Miller's visits to the set. Her eyes would brighten when she spotted her husband. No matter what she was doing, she would rush into his arms and wrap herself around him. He was her protector. He was there to get her through all this. She clung to him as if for dear life. Olivier might have been about to film scene but he would look on helplessly as the lovebirds disappeared to Marilyn's dressing room, usually for about ten minutes. After that, it was said, Marilyn would return to the set visibly refreshed. But at home, night after

night, it was a different story. Marilyn vented her fury, constantly screaming about Olivi-

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drink, drugs and a

er. She kept Miller awake much of the night. The only way she could finally get to sleep was to drug herself into oblivion. Miller, used to work-ing in calm isolation, suddenly found himself in the middle of a great storm. It was as though

the Tom Ewell character in

The Seven-Year Itch had mar-

ried "the girl", only to discover

that sex was perilous, after all. arilyn was tormented and intensely needy. She expected Miller to share her indignacion and saw any disagreement as a betrayal. Aware that he had never seen her like this before, she was on guard for the moment when he would pull back in disappointment and disgust. She wanted him to love her for who she really was. That meant he would have to accept, even love, what she described as the monster in her. It seemed that things could not possibly get worse but by the end of the second week

they had. Marilyn, searching for a copy of her script, wandered into the music room. Her husband wasn't there. She saw the script of The Prince and the Showgirl on Miller's desk, with one of his notebooks lying open beside it. Marilyn was unable to resist.

It was Miller's custom to jot down random impressions. ideas for plays, lists of possible titles, snippets of dialogue, even drafts of entire scenes. When he was with his first wife he had stockpiled his thoughls on marriage to a difficult. demanding woman. He had meditated on adultery and a husband's search for ecstasy. Now that he was with Marilyn, he cononued to take notes.

She was devastated. According to Marilyn, he wrote that he had believed she was an angel but now he realised he had been wrong. She had turned out to be different from his fantasy and she was convinced that he was sorry he had married her. She feared that he had begun to perceive her unworthiness, and that he was on to who she really was. She feared that he was about to

leave her. On August 18 the Millers attended a Terence Rattigan party. They seemed like a different couple that night. One guest noted that Marilyn seemed a bit frightened of her husband There were rumours of discord, though no one yet knew how badly things had spun out of control. Until now Marilyn had been certain that in Miller she had finally found someone who loved her. Confident in his feelings, she had dared to feel worthy of being loved. But the discovery of the notebook changed all that forever. After this, she would never feel safe

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in Miller's arms again.



The Prince and the Showgirl: off screen there was no love lost between the two stars

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The Potter family in 1966. Sarah fourth from left. "We were a very open family ... we were brought up to say what we thought. Tensions were exploded and then gone," she says

'My Dad was not Dirty Den'

warned his younger daughter about the perils of biography. Remember, it can go wrong, he told her. "Dad didn't really want one. There's no secret to that." says Sarah Potter, who worked as his secretary for 12 years until his death in June. 1994.

Nevertheless, a postburnous biography was inevitable, and Potter's family and friends were keen that it should reflect the man they knew: funny, ironic, loyal, sometimes spiky but never vindictive.

"I thought, if we do an official one, and were all involved, then it can't go that dly wrong because they'll see what kind of family we've been." says Sarah. Her elder sister Jane, an artist, and her younger brother Rob, a house renovator, had a say, as did his agent Judy Daish, but Sarah feels responsible for the decision to authorise a biography by Humphrey Carpenter.

My underlying tegret is that the balance isn't there. The book is lazy and shabby: It doesn't seek to analyse the work properly. Humphrey was too caught up in chasing sensational titbits that would sit nicely in the scrialisation

and sell a lot of copies." She also blames Carpenter for what now appears to have been an orchestrated series of leaks to newspapers. These began in March, when stories appeared alleging that her father had visited more than 100 pros-

Sarah Potter is outraged at the lecherous image of her father painted in a new biography. Interview by Grace Bradberry

titules, and that he had pestered a writer named Caroline Seebohm so obsessively that she fled to the United States. "I told Humphrey I felt it was being overplayed

where was it coming from? He said: 'Oh, it's Ken,' " — a reference to Ken Trodd, Potter's producer, who supplied Carpenter with some of the more sala-

ti is a wiser, less trusting woman who sits across the kitchen table of her prettily decorated cottage in Cheltenham. Sarah, 37, a former England cricketer, now writes a sports column for IDS helps to run her father's production company. Whistling Gypsy. Despite suggestions that Potter dominated his children, Sarah is adamant they did not live in his shadow. She has never married, but has a long-term boyfriend.

But even the most hard-bitten daughter would be troubled by the two most sensational passages of Carpenter's biography, which concentrate on his relationship with two women - Caroline Scebohm. and Gina Bellman, the star of the 1989 drama Blackeyes:

Sarah has little sympathy for Seebohm - "I think she must be pretty bigoted and pretty vain" - but Bellman's story is more troubling. It was Blackeyes that prompted the tabloids to label Potter "Dirty.

Den", a sobriquet he loathed. at Oxford". "That was very That was the first time anything had really got to Dad." says Sarah. Nevertheless, he admitted to interviewers that he was in love with his star. Gina Bellman now says she was exploited by Potter, and that they had an unconsummated romance. "There was a part of him that was a dirty old man," she told Carpenter.
"At least she has the decency to say it wasn? a physical rela-

to say it wasn't a physical rela-tionship," says Sarah, "She's obviously damaged through it; I feel sorry about that, but I think her level of bitterness is misplaced — it's probably more to do with the fact that she didn't go on to do other things professionally." As for the prostitutes: "I think it's utter tosh. It would be so far removed from the man I knew. You have to bear in mind Dad's capacity for talking things up, for fantasising."

From the age of 27. Potter was ravaged by psoriatic ar-thropathy, a painful and disfiguring disease. Sarah knew that the drugs used to treat the illness caused impotency. "We were a very open family, so it was talked about." She confided this to Carpenter so he would understand that some of the sexual affairs couldn't have happened. The medical information was added to the biography. "It ended up almost like I was stripping my father further of any shard of

dignity." Sarah believes that her father's relations with women have been misunderstood. Her mother Margaret's response to his declaration of ove for Gina Bellman was blunt -- "Don't be such a silly bugger." "This is the crux of it." says Sarah. "He was a dreaming romantic rather than a dirty old man. He'd get sentimental about things. 1 know how proper he was with the women that worked for

One of these was Judy Daish, who is livid at Carpenter's suggestion that she had an affair with Potter. "Dad loved Judy, but he wasn't in love with her. We had Christmas holidays together. I said to Humphrey: Do you seriously think that my mother would have had Judy in the house

?" Just no way. Carpenter also seems to have accepted Trodd's view that Potter married his childhood sweetheart as "one way of not dealing with the difficulties of being a scholarship boy

was going to die." Even after that he often couldn't pick up nasty of Ken," says Sarah. his own children. "But Dad "Dad was drawn to Mum befelt OK about it because Mum cause she was all the things was so tactile and so warm." that he wasn't and wanted to be. She had warmth and was

Emotions were never repressed in the Potter household. Even the fact that her father had been sexually abused by one of his uncles was openly discussed. "Dad's attitude was: We're a family, we need to know these things."

We were brought up to say what we thought. It just wasn't a prim and proper house where you would go away with seething contempt. Ten-sions were exploded and then

Potter was determined that his children should not inherit his sexual hang-ups. "He was probably more grounded as a Dad than he was as a man. He said to me once: 'It's not something that you or Jane should get het up about. You'll know. Be caring, be sensible. It's just a bodily function. Don't expect anything else."

Potter was good at sorting out his children's problems. Sadly. Sarah was never to hear his advice on what could be the most momentous decision of her life. She has no desire to have children but Jane, 18 months older, is desperate for a baby. If IVF treatment fails, Sarah intends to act as a surrogate mother.

"I talked to Mum and Dad about it several years ago. Mum was pleased and said she'd be there at the birth. Dad said: Well, I think it would be an amazing thing to do. I can't say whether it's right or wrong. I think I'd like to take some advice on it.' But then other things happened

he double blow of losing her parents within a fortnight of each other in 1994 was "a flattening experience". Both parents dreaded losing the other. For a long time, Sarah could not talk about one of the last conversations she had with her father, held in a layby as they waited for a roadside restaurant to open. "Dad said: You will take care of your mother, won't you? I said: 'Dad, you don't have to say it. He said: 'I know I don't, but I do, because I have to say

it for myself." By May 29, Margaret was dead from cancer. Her husband died on June 7. Dennis Potter had his last moments with his wife on May 27. "It

Trapped in a Web of misery

Jon Ashworth on cyber-sickness

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ooked on the Nei? Surfing anorak weld-ed to your chair? As if this scenario were not tragic enough, gloomy research seeping out of America warns us that surfing the Internet induces depression and loneliness.

Too much time swapping emails and lingering in Inter-net chat rooms might well finish you off socially, according to the findings of a two-year study to be published this week in the journal American Psychologist. Interaction with friends and family declined in direct correlation to ome spent online, while loneliness and depression increased. One researcher likened on-screen so-

cialising to "spending all your life at a cocktail party". About seven million people in Britain have access to the Insernet, and increasing number appear to

be succumbing to this malady. It takes its cue from America. where five million computer nerds — one in nine Internet users - are considered to

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into that room, knowing it was

the last time. Mum had been

asleep all morning, but as

soon as Dad walked in she

opened her eyes. So they had

It is dealing with her moth-

er's death that has been hard-

est for Sarah. Two years ago she went for counselling -

something her father had sug-

gested she might need. She

has now overcome her depres-

sion. "Dad used to say: 'You'd

be amazed at how strong the

human spirit can be."

that brief space together."

be suffering from with a recovering Internet Addiction Syndrome alcoholic from Texas with (IAD). Marriages break down, users fall deeply into debt, and work or study suffers - largely because those concerned have spent all night browsing and find it hard to keep

Symptoms include lying to family or colleagues about the amount of time spent on the internet; restlessness, irritability and anxiety when not at the computer; and repeated but unsuccessful attempts to cut down on the time involved. Spending more than five hours a day online is generally considered a danger sign.

It may not be long before Internet addicts are attending "drying out" centres to rediscover some basic social skills - holding a normal conversation, for instance. Kimberly

Young, a psychologist at the University of Pittsburgh and the author of Caught in the Net, has deemed the Internet to be as addictive as drugs, al-cohol or gambling, saying: "In Cyberspace, a shy person can become outgoing, a non-sexual person can be sexual, a nonassertive person can be forceful or an aloof person can be

gregarious."

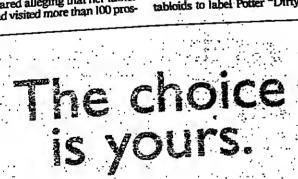
The Internet Addiction Service, run by Maressa Hecht Orzack, a psychologist at Harvard University's McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts, has received hundreds of requests for help. One letter read: "We got divorced one year after we got the com-

puter. My wife was in chat rooms all the time and ignored our young daughter. She spent hundreds of dollars on phone bills and had an affair online that turned mio a real affair."

In one such case. a 40-year-old house-wife from Bolion abandoned her liusband and three children and eloped

whom she had struck up an online friendship. She later recalled: "We exchanged photos and Robert e-mailed me, say-ing that he sensed I was a passionate, sexual woman. Within the month we were in love. Believe me, you can make love via a computer." Her para-mour flew to Britain, and later e-mailed his wife to tell her that their marriage was over.

Andre Levy, a London-based computer expert, confirms the unhealthy nature of immersing oneself in a virtual world, "It is more of an issue in the US, where many local providers offer free calls," he says. "People who use the Internet to that extent are living their lives in a substitute world, one in which they have no physical interaction.



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mastered. She did have to put

up with a lot - Dad was a diffi-

cult man. Mum was very good

with him. Sometimes he would show off, and she

would quietly tell him to calm himself down."

She does not know if he had

any sexual affairs. "Certainly,

the candidates that have been

pushed forward, they're not

was beyond that by any

means; it may have been the

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door, he would bolt upstairs." Then, in 1976, a new drug gave him a much better quality of life. "After that Mum was anxious he would just up and go. Dad wanted to go to London and put himself about with his work, but Mum didn't want to leave Ross-on-Wye. He said: 'Do you really think that because I'm better I'm going to suddenly walk out through the door? I think he knew that he would probably not be a very nice person if he didn't have

Sarah believes that, in the 1960s, he was "definitely fixated with Caroline Seebohm". the glamorous daughter of a banker who had been his contemporary at Oxford. "But that was illness, breakdown. The marriage survived because Mum gave Dad the strength to realise he could

live through it." When Sarah was ten, her father's illness became so bad that he spent six months in hos-pital. We really thought he



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Bronwen Maddox on the end

of an era for US supremacy

ollywood could not have scripled a cruel-ler climax. As the scorned and isolated President Clinton flies out to Moscow. the Dow Jones industrial average, the digital neon scoreboard of his presidency, falls by the second-largest number of points in its 102-year history. The nation is indignant at the rude reminder that it is vulnerable to financial risk. Monica Lewinsky is the only clear winner, said to be considering an offer of \$t0 million for her account of the greatest mistake of Mr Clinton's life.

Whether she signs up or not. the Clinton years may be remembered more for that scandal than for their astounding prosperity. But the economic strength has been no illusion. Mr Clinton deserves credit, even if less than he claims. The plunge in the Dow wiped out the year's gains but has not obliterated the results of eight years of growth and low inflation.

But the markets' collapse, Russia's descent into turmoil, and Mr Clinton's loss of credibility, mark the end of an era

of confidence in American policy. The United States Clinton won the Cold War, emerging as the world's greatest ecodeserves nomic and military credit power. Now that it albeit less crushed rival, in its own interests, it is than he almost powerless. The few things it claims can do are messy, costly and will take years. As that fact

sinks in, it will change the American political landscape.

Mr Clinlon, who has spent the past fortnight trying to perform his favourite role as the nation's schoolteacher, called the Dow's plunge "the lesson every schoolchild should learn we live in a global econo-- we live in a global economy". These days, straining for headmasterly authority, he projects more of the shiftiness of the art leacher who chats up

A-level pupils.

But his lecture is right. American investors have taken a bet this year that the crisis could be contined to a third o the world economy. That is a sophisticated financial argument, put forward by Goldman Sachs, but one which played comfortably to the mood of economic triumphalism. But punctures in America's economic insulation are now multiplying, with the threat of further devaluations in Latin America and Asia. A bullish investment stance was not ludicrous, just improbable, but it is now untenable.

inevitably, the markets' crash will dent the "feel-good" factor in the United States. Many Americans had believed that, with their reorement accounts and other investments rising so buoyantly, they were free to spend money. Not any more.

Their complaints will be the main pressure on poliocians in the coming years. But the answer will lie in tackling the financial problems abroad. Yet in Washington this week, from the White House and from poliocians of both parties, the first reaction to the Russian crisis was silence. No one knew what to say.

The second reaction, particularly among Republicans, was to blame the International Monetary Fund for squandering money. This is unfair. The IMF was justified in giving Russia \$4.8 billion six weeks ago. At that point, the injection to the central bank's reserves had a chance of helping. But then came the futile attempt to prop up the rouble. Handing over the next \$4.2 billion, due in mid-September, would serve little point. It could have been used to prop up failing private banks run by a powerful oligarchy: the cash could have left the Russian system

before officials made it home to Washington.
This failure does not make the IMF redundant as an institution. There are good ques-oons about the conditions it anaches to its loans, but they are not the ones Congress asks. The fund remains one of the few bodies capable of tacksuch a crisis, as China rec-ognised yesterday with its \$540 million donation to Rus-sia through the IMF. In blaming the fund, Congress is refusing to acknowledge Amer-

ica's impotence.
This is a sobering moment for the United States: the world's only superpower is unable to coax or bully much weaker countries along a path of mutual interest. It has found the world's best recipe for prosperity, yet cannot persuade others to share it; their stub-

bornness drags it down. That realisation will change American politics. Mr Clinton's gregarious confidence has perfectly matched

the friendly, understated indi-vidualism of the 1990s; he has encouraged people to think that with a bit of work, they can feel a lot better. But now, at last, Vice-President Al Gore may have come into his own. His temperament is pessimis-tic he sees global impersonal. tic: he sees global, impersonal, barely controllable forces as the main threat to health and happiness. That may resonate with a more fearful mood.

f so. Republicans will have work to do. In a field L of potential presidential runners as sprawling and shaggy as a Grand Nadonal line-up, the only clear theme is family values. When asked for a vision of America's role in the next turbulent decade, that will not take them far enough.

It would be a shame if overoptimism gave way to gloom. or if America's international confidence under Mr Clinton were replaced by isolation. The Asian and Russian failures are, after all, a brutal tribute to the success of the United States. But unlike Mr Clinton. the next President will not be able to bask in that triumph.

In the past two weeks, the United States has nominated the diffuse, ill-defined "war against terrorism" as the successor to the Cold War, and has chosen to fight it. It may regret stirring up that horner's nest. The American interest would be more clearly served by using the little influence it has in helping a third of the globe learn its economic les-



Ulster's smoking guns

he first terrorist prisoners to be released in Northern tre-Good Friday agreement, walk free from jails today. So the process continues, the road to peace, prosperity and the "balanced constituoonal settlement" which the British and Irish Governments have pursued

for over 25 years. The prisoners get out, the punish-ment shootings, mutilations, racket-eering and the occasional murder and bombing continue. Gerry Adams refuses to say the "war" is over. He for one will not be bullied. And there is no sign that any of the terrorist groups whose prisoners are due to be released have the slightest interest in

decommissioning their vast arsenals. Some would have us believe that none of that matters. This is a process: the show must be kept on the road. Well, I'm sorry, but I think that il does. Many people, including my-self, supported the agreement on the basis that prisoner releases and full participation in the proposed execu- end of its border camtive were linked to decommissioning. That is what we were told. We wait

for the Prime Minister to deliver. There is more nonsense talked ment in 1966 because they pect of this process. Terrorist groups cal direction of the then hold on to weapons for three reasons. They wish to use them to kill and terrorise people. They wish to retain that threat. Or they have internal prob-

lems and cannot deliver. A combination of all of those factors is inhibiting the various terrorist groups from fulfilling their part of the agreement. But none of this is reason enough for government and society to acquiesce in a sordid conspiracy to release prisoners and allow IRA-Sinn Fein into government, while at the same time their guns are used to muo-

late and murder. Let's explore some of the arguments used by those who say that decommissioning is a red herring. It is not the weapons that need to be decommissioned, we are told, it's the mindset and rust is the best form of decommissioning. If mindsets have truly been decommissioned, why hold on to guns? It is obvious that it is a very thorny issue and David Trimble and the Ulster Unionists are making it clear that they will not accept IRA-Sinn Fein into the new executive until there has been substantial

decommissioning.

The absence of decommissioning is going to create serious difficulties for

Sean O'Callaghan says there can be

no peace until weapons are handed in

determination to hold on to the weap- weapons are needed. They look at ons? Could it possibly be that it is an insurance policy, in case the agree-want us to take the risk of going to insurance policy, in case the agreement does not deliver?

As for the argument that rust will do the job, consider this. I attended my first Provisional IRA meeting in late 1970. We entered a large grain-store where dried barley was piled in one corner. Underneath were more than 40 assorted guns and a large quantity of ammunition of various calibre. There were 303 rifles, Thompson and Sten sub-machineguns, a large collection of pistols and revolvers as well as one Bren gun.

The weapons were cleaned and oiled and the ammunition sorted ac- are made from fertilisers - large morcording to calibre. Those weapons had been stored by the local IRA since the Guns and paign in 1962. The local IRA had been kicked out bombs of the republican moveagreed with the politi-

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in a couple of days the weapons were sent to Northern Ireland where they were undoubtedly used in the Provisional IRA's campaign of terror. They did not fade into thin air. They stayed what they always were - effective killing tools. Eight years after the previ-

ous IRA campaign, they had simply been brought back into operation. That one incident encapsulates the reladonship between the gun and militant Irish republicanism. You do not give up your guns because you might need them again. At the least, in the face of weak government, they are a powerful reminder of what may hap-

pen if demands are not met. But wouldn't it be easy to decommission weapons one day and acquire more when one felt like it? This is a consistent argument often used by people who know better but do not want to interfere. It is spurious and dangerous nonsense.

Let us trace that scenario. The tRA leadership decides to decommission. A few weeks later, one of the leaders the process has become the false god the endre process, so why the obvious tells a group of IRA men that new at whose feet we worship.

jail, of being shot carrying out an armed robbery to finance the pur-chase of weapons while you are hand-ing in the ones we already have?" Life is not like that it took the IRA

ló years to get the type and quantity of weaponry it craved. It might never have done so had not a combination of events persuaded Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to give them more than of charge. It is extremely unlikely that a similar situation could arise today. While it is true that many weapons

> tars capable of launching guns and bombs. commissioned equipment?

mindsets have been decommissioned. Gerry Adams yesterday reiterated Omagh bomb which is.

we are told, a new departure. Yet I was present at a Sinn Fein convencion in 1983 when Mr McGuinness condemned the INLA bomb attack on the Dropping Well Inn in Ballykelly, Co Londonderry, in which 17 soldiers and civilians were killed. He also called on that organisation to disband. Mr Adams and Mr McGuinness have never had a problem condemning acts carried out by other republican groups - or urging them to

disband. Bul their organisacion is sacrosanct. Decommission? Not us guv, we have no weapons. The IRA must answer that one. And the IRA, as recently as last weekend, told us what they thought: "There will be no decommissioning." They could not be clearer. Let out our prisoners, let us be part of government, but we will keep our weapons. Both Governments are letring themselves be bullied. They know this - everyone knows ii. But

If the IRA and loyalist terrorists do not seriously begin the business of decommissioning in the next few days, they will have demonstrated their bad faith. If both Governments accept a refusal and try to push the process forward regardless, they too will have acted in bad faith.

If such circumstances arise, David Trimble, Ulster's Unionists and all people who understand the fundamentals of democratic accountability, will be correct to say "Sorry, no deal is

t must be clearly understood that AK47s and Semtex do not grow on trees. They were brought into Ireland by the lead-100 tonnes of guns and explosives free ership of the republican and loyalist terror groups: the very people who now lecture us on civil liberties and the road to peace. They and no one else have sole responsibility for those

500lb bombs — their man-ufacture is costly, difficult and carries the risk of stable and peaceful Northern Irearrest and imprisonment. land? They say they do, yet the guns who would want to run that risk if their organand manufactured to fight a "war" isation had already de- are lying in bunkers, ditches and under kitchen Hoors acros They must start to get rid of them. We are told that some They must prove to even the most sceptical that they are serious. That is not surrender. It is simply an essential of signing up to the democratic his condemnation of the process. Slop threatening us, get rid of your guns and bombs. Even if you do not intend to use them, you are responsible for their existence and the

implied threat that carries. No doubt President Clinton will have many fine things to say when he visits Ireland. One thing he must say loudly, clearly and unambiguously. Get rid of your weapons of murder and destruction. Until you do, there is no place for you, not just in government, but in civilised society.

Guns and bombs kill, that is what they are for. Unless they are got rid off, by the people responsible for them, one day someone else will use them to continue the "war" -- assuming, of course, that the very people who now lecture us about peace and democracy don't. We know no more and have no answers until we see the guns on the table.

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Simon Jenkins is away.

Alan Coren



There once was a hungry gosling (and other excuses)

was mortified to read, a day or so back, that Miss Germaine Greer had been clobbered by a two-week driving ban and a £540 fine for whizzing through nocturnal Essex at 101mph. What mortified me was not the penalty it-self, severe though it was, but the fact that the wondrous nar-rative fashioned to mitigate the offence had achieved absolutely nothing except the revelation that within the ears of magistrates lies the stoniest ground

there is.
For what Miss Greer's lawyer, Kendal Travis, told the Harlow court was that his client had wellied her throttle only because she feared for the lives of her tiny goslings in dis-tant Saffron Walden; who, as dusk fell, had found themselves all alone in a darkling orchard lit only by the eyes of prowling foxes. And as if it were not enough to have a story-teller called Kendal Travis, a setting called Saffron Walden, and a cast of farm-yard innocents and villains so traditionally comprised as to have not merely Aesop but Hans Andersen and both Grimms spinning in their graves at the unacknowledged debt, the tale is richer yet, the reason Saffron Walden was distant that night was because Miss Greer was stranded at a glittering party aboard a pleas-ure steamer in the Thames, racked by fears that if she did not get home by the appointed hour, dreadful things would happen — though whether her Mercedes would have turned back into four mice and a pumpkin, Kendal did not say. But what he did say should have been more than enough,

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you would think, to mell the heart of the flintiest beak: here is Miss Greer, admittedly once an icon of turbulence but now a distinguished elderly rural academic, given to tramping her sylvan acres in granny glasses. a fetchingly battered big straw hat, and long flowing chintz, nol merely broadcasong gos-ling fodder from her Prada trug but, as you have read, dispensing love and succour to all creatures great and small; provided, of course, they are dumb, since she has long ago, and very publicly, exchanged burly of the chi longue for the deep peace of the single bed. Could there be any one likelier than this dear little caring spinster to so commend herself to a country magistrate that hardly has the charge been read than his gold pincenez have been whipped off, his Paisley handkerchief has been pressed to his piping eye, and his voice is tremblingly dismissing that charge forthwith and sending the chargee back to her chooks and porkers without a stain on her character?

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could. write I have no way of knowing the reason for the bench's brutal dismissal of Mother Goose's heartrending explanarion, I am tempted to guess that he treated the whole thing as just another, well, fairystory. And that — as, knowing me by now, you yourself will have guessed — is the aspect which mortifies me most of all. For t. down the long arches of the years, have put my boot to the floor on many occasions, been sometimes caught bang to rights, and, like all honest motorists, entered a not guilty plea backed by plausible farragos about expiring aunts and unattended infants and gases left on and desperate bladders and three-line whips on this and that. Astonishingly, these never passed muster, yet I cononued to live in hope: I should doubtless speed again, be apprehended again, but this time I would a tale unfold whose lightest word would harrow up the JP's soul, freeze his old blood, make his two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres. his knoned and combined locks to part and ...

anifestly, there could. While I have

It is a hope I can no longer en-tertain. If the law refuses to concern itself with the distressing trifles of Germaine's pastoral fable, it will assuredly have scant truck with any Cricklewood gallimaufry I cobble together. Sad that I shall never be able, now, to use a terrific story about having to dash back to my pond because the frog had just spawned and there were predatory newts about but I am off to bin my checked cap and my stringback gloves and chop in my nippy red German ragtop for a slug-gish brown Polish estate to keep me on the straight and narrow and egregiously legal. Not for the first time, Miss Greer has compelled men to re-

consider their wicked ways.

to talk about this film," she whined. Later, Sevigny stormed out of the nightclub party held in honour of her performance. Watch

we have God Almighty."

Word Smith?

CHRIS SMITH'S excursion into print has proved to be a bonfire of the vanifles. Not only has *Creative Britain*, the Culture Secretary's personal perspective on "Coot Britannia", failed to fly out of the shops since it was published in May. It now turns out that the book's first print run had to be pulped because it contained an embarrassing mistake by Smith (below right). The tome referred to the wannabe powerhouse of Britpop and its related outpourings as the Department of Culture, Media and Sport when

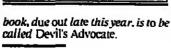
his office had only just been renamed the Department for Culture etc. After the error was spotted. Faber & Faber, the wretched publisher, had to reprint the entire run. Smith's office described the fiasco as "a commercial decision taken by the publishers".

As the first book by a Cabinet minister about his own portfolio in 30 years, hopes were high for a bestetler. With about as much imagination as one might expect from Whitehall bureaucrats, however, the tome merely lumped together speeches and thoughts by Smith. The only ray of commercial chutzpah was a cover by Damien Hirst (left). But the artist's work failed to save the minister from abuse by critics. George Walden described it as "unpublishable maudlin trash" while Will Self compared reading it to striking himself over the head with a wooden plank. As I never paid £7.99 when the book came



out, I look forward to picking up a copy in a Charing Cross Road's bookshop for 99p.

● AS RUMOURS abound at the Beeb about an imminent clear-out of oldie presenters. John Humphrys sounds amazingly nonchalant about his future prospects. "It wouldn't bother me if they did sack me." says the Today interrogatorin-chief. "I read the news because they keep asking me and it's something to do for a couple of hours, isnt it?" I was wondering why his



Hot pursuit

THE ill-feeling between the National Trusi and hunters intensifies, Bill Fewings, joint master of the Quantock Staghounds for 12 years. has been forced to resign by the hunt's members after they discovered that he was in talks with the National Trust about selling it

some of his land. The trust has been considered a justifiable quarry by hunters since last year when it banned staghunting on its land. But the feud failed to stop Fewings offering the organisadon 100 acres in prime hunding territory in the Quantock Hills, Although his fellow huntsmen are outraged, he has sworn to continue hunning. As dear Oscar might have

observed, the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uncatable.

 MURDER One, the crime bookshop in London patronised by Frank Dobson, has been held up by an armed robber who made off with the contents of the tilt.

Counted out?

AN INTRIGUING tale about the Duchess of York reaches me from Italy. I was under the impression that Sarah Ferguson had spent the past few weeks enjoying the company of Count Gaddo della Gherardesca, her aristocrace armrest. But



"It's a suspect package!"

Il Messaggero, an Italian newspaer, claims that she has spent up to Et30.000 of her hard-earned cash hiring Porto Ercole. an exclusive villa on the Tuscan coast.

The estate, owned by a mysterious Italian-Brazilian millionaire, comes with five staff, and is said to have been used by the duchess for two months during the summer. Her office, however, dismisses the tale as pure fiction. No doubt the Queen will be greatly reassured by Fergie's parsimony.

• AFTER opposing repression in distant, and not so distant, parts of the world. Amnesty International has come up with a new campaign. At last weekend's Notting Hill Carnival, the organisation's float carried a banner proclaiming the Right to Party.

Acting up
THE latest starlet to send Hollywood into a spin is clearly learning to employ the mandatory temperamental behaviour. Chloc Sevigny, (above right) the star of Kids. arrived in London to announce her presence in The Last Days of Disco. a hit comedy based in New York. Although a descendant of the Marquise de Sevigne, an 18th-century French court gossip, she was unwilling to endorse her latest cel-

luloid masterpiece. "I do not want

out this actress will go far.

 A JOKE doing the rounds of sentor civil servants in the Treasury at the expense of Gordon Brown: "There is a philanderer in Woshington, an alcoholic in Moscow and liere, in the room next door.

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THETTIMES

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The benefits of Britain for buffeted investors

Not since 1987 have world stock markets been so panicky. The smell of fear has obliterated the taste of gain that had gowered the longest postwar buil market in America, Britain and Europe. Yesterday, the Dow Jones lurched wildly, while the FTSE 100 dropped 80 points in response to the 6.4 per cent fall on Wall Street the day before. Is this just the beginning of the end of the good times or the start of something much worse?

Some economists are predicting a 1930sstyle world depression. In 1929, it was a stock market crash that precipitated collapse in the real economies. This phenomenon has recently been repeated in Japan, where the Nikkei share index has fallen by nearly two thirds since 1990, and the economy has stagnated for seven years. Consumers there have lost confidence and refuse to spend money, however great the incentives. Although interest rates are lower than 0.5 per cent, they are failing to act as a stimulus to growth.

Could the same happen elsewhere? In America, consumers have never had it so good: but their sense of financial wellbeing stems not just from higher incomes but from rising asset prices. Most Americans own sbares and the stock market has repaid them handsomely. In the past ten years, the Dow Jones has risen, with barely a blip, to reach levels that just before the recent crash were some four times higher than in 1988. Americans have hardly needed to save; the market has done their saving for them.

The UK market has performed nearly as well. From about 1,700 ten years ago, the FTSE-100 rose to just over 6,000 at the peak earlier this year. But Britain has a smaller proportion of shareholders in the population; Britons' sense of wealth is determined more by earnings and house prices.

In America, a stock market crash is likely to lead to a cut in consumption - and therefore in growth - as people increase their savings to compensate for the fall in the value of their assets. The same may happen. that they do.

to a lesser extent in Britain. There may also be a knock-on effect on property prices. particularly in London and the South East, as the financial sector starts to feel the pinch.

But there are two critical differences between the 1990s and the 1930s. First, the economic fundamentals are sound in America and Europe, if not in Asia and Russia. Western stock markets may have been a little overvalued but the underlying economies are healthy and well-managed. If there is to be a flight to quality, the money is likely to land in America and Britain.

Indeed, the UK is, in relative terms, an investment haven. America, Russia and Japan have extremely weak leaders. Germany is deep in an election campaign. Britain, by contrast, is politically strong. It may be more exposed to Japan than other Europeans but it is not heavily involved in Russia. And the pound is outside the euro, whose launch is being buffeted by the financial hurricane. Britain can justly claim, at the moment, to be one of the most stable countries in the world.

So it is all the more important for British politicians and central bankers to take a lead in ensuring that the response to this stock market collapse is a sensible one. Such a response would constitute the other crucial difference from the 1930s. Then, as now in Japan, governments failed to appreciate the need for early, aggressive cuts in interest rates as a countervailing measure against the threat to the real economy.

For the moment, rates are at an appropriate level. But should a deflationary momentum build up, central banks must not hesitate to cut them. They did so after the 1987 crash, and this was the right thing to do. Their only mistake was to keep them low for too long afterwards. They would be wise to avoid the errors of 1988, but should not be deterred from following the course of 1987. Stock market crashes do not inexorably lead to depressions; but bad policies can ensure

DEADLY POWER PLAY

North Korea's long-range missile probes Clinton's defences

In testimony to the US Congress last year, a senior North Korean defector outlined Pyongyang's strategy to achieve its goal of driving US forces out of the Korean peninsula and defeating the South. The North belit could rapidly inflict 20.30 US military casualties, Washington would pull back. The key to this strategy was a missile that could reach US bases not just in South Korea, but in Japan. The North had been trying to develop one since 1965.

This testimony was widely discounted. Satellites had located a two-stage missile, the Daepodong-1: but US analysts thought that the collapsing North Korean economy was technically incapable of bringing up to test standard a missile with the required 1,200mile range. So must the Clinton Administration have hoped. Alas, yet again, for wishful thinking about this Stalinist redoubt. Last weekend North Korea triumphantly sent the Daepodong-I soaring over Japan, to land in the Pacific several hundred miles off the eastern Japanese seaboard.

This is a profoundly destabilising development. Japan is totally vulnerable to missile attacks; it has neither missile defence por warning systems and learnt about this test from the US military. It comes on the heels of the US discovery that 15.000 North Korean workers are building a secret underground facility thought to be either a new reactor or nuclear reprocessing plant activity which in any judgment other than that of the Clinton Administration contravenes its side of the 1994 agreement to renounce nuclear weapons. North Korea is aiready mass-producing the shorter-range Rodong-I which it test-fired in 1993. As it finally admitted last June, it also sells missiles to countries such as Syria and Iran

- and demanded \$500 million a year from the US as "compensation" for desisting.

America has assumed that the regime of Kim Jong Il calculates risks and rewards much like other states. Insofar as this is true, orth Koma seems to have learnt one thing only from the 1994 pact, which is that blackmail pays. The timing of this deliberately provocative test may have something to do with North Korea's 50th anniversary next week, when the reclusive "Dear Leader" is finally to succeed his father Kim Il Sung as President. With up to 800,000 people a year still thought to be dying of the mainutrition that may have claimed two million lives since 1995, the myth of military invincibility is about all the regime has to trumpet. But other non-domestic calculations enter in.

The test coincided with a long-delayed decision by the US, South Korea, Japan and the European Union about who pays the \$4.6 billion bill for providing North Korea with two "safe" light water nuclear reactors. Construction is due to start next month; North Korea is then committed to reveal more of its nuclear secrets. Predictably, Japan has now delayed its \$1 billion share. Pyongyang need no longer disclose and at the same time has reminded the world that it is too dangerous not to be humoured.

Humouring Pyongyang still seems to be US policy. Madeleine Albright has merely expressed "concern" and said that the test will be raised in talks with North Korea this week. The harder Pyongyang probes the Clinton Administration, the softer it finds it. The US should reflect that every weak response could tempt this belligerent dictatorship to put American resolve to the ultimate test, on the territory of South Korea. Containment can make sense only if it contains.

AIR TRAFFIC JAMS

How old habits clog the slots for take-off

Stacked up over Heathrow or Gatwick, ب ب<u>نج</u>ر ب thousands of passengers returning from their holidays have felt their anger rising as one lame excuse succeeds another. Whether the cause be crowded flight paths, bad weather or a go-slow by French or Spanish air controllers, Europe's impatient travellers have heard it all before. The three-hour wait for the charter is as predictable as the pilot's weary apology once aboard that "we are number 26 in the slot for take-off. The problems this year are the worst for nine years. The Association of European Airlines reported a delay of more than 15 minutes in almost a third of all flights in June, the worst monthly figure since 1989 and the second worst since records began in the early 1980s.

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Such statistics are an indictment of bureaucratic indifference and technical incompetence. The congestion in Europe's skies could be swiftly eased by three basic steps. an opening of the corridors still reserved for military aircraft, investment to improve antiquated air control centres and the dropping of petty jealousies over control of national airspace. Europe's transport ministers seem unwilling to streamline a system that is

becoming as dangerous as it is unreliable. Take, as a symptom, the farcical history of the attempt to build a better air control centre in southern Britain. For as long as most people can remember, the present 30-yearold centre at West Drayton has been overded undermanned and overwhelmed

With responsibility also for some military traffic, it has recorded too many near-misses and air incidents for safety. Yet the proposed £350 million replacement at Swanwick, in Hampshire, is almost two years overdue because of problems with the computer software. So overambitious was the design that the Government has now been told that the entire centre may never become fully operational. Unless something is done quickly to upgrade West Drayton, now handling 5,000 air movements every 24 hours, the approaches to London will become impassable.

Opening up the corridors reserved for military aircraft would be one of the best peace dividends from the end of the Cold War. But since 1989 virtually no progress has been made and around a third of all European airspace remains largely closed to civilian planes. Partly the stubbornness of military establishments is to blame; partly the refusal by one country to surrender such corridors unless all do. This only underlines the pality progress made in an area of European co-operation where some good might come. Eurocontrol, based in Maastricht, is a useful umbrella over some of the most crowded skies; but neither France nor Britain is willing to cede any air control duties. Until national governments and their defence ministries take civilian congestion more seriously, summer delays will only get worse, leading perhaps to an air disaster.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Terror legislation 'undemocratic'

From the Director of Charter88

Sir. Today Parliament is recalled to discuss the Criminal Justice (Terrorism and Conspiracy) Bill. As I write, the Bill has not even been published, but is likely to breach the European Convention on Human Rights, which the Government is about to bring into British law through the Human Rights Act. Despite this the Prime Minister has allegedly written to be calleged by the could be a could be a could be backbench Labour MPs to quell their fears that this legislation may be too draconian.

The Omagh bombing resulted in a tragic loss of life at a time of real hope for the peace process in Northern Ireland. It has undoubtedly put this process under strain. But the strength of a democratically entrenched process is that it is clearly the will of the people. At the time of the referendum on the Good Friday agreement, people voted for a process that had human rights at its heart. Indeed the agreement itself recognised that the breaches of human rights that had occurred in the past had been part of the problem. How then are breaches

now part of the solution? Recalling Parliament for two days to railroad through an unseen piece of legislation which sweeps all before it comes ill from a Government which claims to stand for democracy and human rights.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW PUDDEPHATT, Director, Charter88, Exmouth House. 3-II Pine Street, ECIR OJH, September 1,

Gifted dyslexics

From Mrs Philomena Ott

Sir. The achievements of Alexander Faludy, the 15-year-old gifted dyslexic who has won a place at Cambridge (reports, August 26 and 23), are a shining example of what dyslexic pupils can achieve when their problems are identified and the appropriate teaching provided.

As the High Court case highlights, the disabled students allowance, which helps them to buy equipment and additional personal help such as secretarial assistance, is inadequate to meet the needs of students such as Faludy. Is it not now time for the Education Secretary, Mr Blunkett, to review this — particularly as Ports mouth City Council has now agreed to grant Faludy £10,000?

Mr Justice Tucker's dismissal of 'giftedness" as not "a special educational need" was unfortunate. Does this dismissal also extend to gifted but learning-disabled people such as Churchill and Einstein, whose early schooldays were blighted by difficul ties with basic literacy including spelling, writing and reading?

Faludy has made history by being accepted by Cambridge at the age of 15; but he still has special educational needs for which he will continue to need additional support.

Dyslexia has become a recognised condition for which we now have biological and genetic evidence. Like all syndromes there are varying degrees of the condition and it affects the whole ability range, including those with IQs below 80 or above 150.

Yours faithfully. PHILOMENA OTT (Author, How to Detect and Manage Dyslexia, Heinemann, 1997). Burkes Road, Beaconsfield HP9 IEP. August 28.

From Dr D. S. J. Maw

Sir, The High Court judgment declining to force Portsmouth City Council to make a grant to Alexander Faludy provides an all too vivid example of the failure of modern "civilisation", and the inability of the legal system to have any influence.

How splendid that modern technology can enable a talented youth to communicate effectively - a prime tenet of education. How sad that the dictates of financial expediency deny access to the means of achieving this. How stultifying that the law, whilst providing impartial interpretation, is unable to comment on the need for humanity or wisdom in the interpretation of regulations.

I suspect the situation will only get worse. Apparently we prefer to be spared the relatively small sum of money required to enable an individual to become a creative and productive member of society, and instead to keep him frustrated and impotent.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN MAW, 53 Madeira Park. Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 5SY.

From the Director of the Conservative Disability Group

Sir, There is no need to raise £10,000 a year for special equipment to help young Alexander Faludy with his reading and writing.

His writing needs can be handled by a modest home computer/printer set which, following the advice given in Interface by the excellent Dr Keyboard, can cost less than £1,000; and a speech-input program costing in the low hundreds; and the Royal National Institute for the Blind can advise on the modestly priced attachments needed for his reading.

Yours sincerely. MALCOLM C. DUNLOP, Director. Conservative Disability Group, 81 Gregories Road. Beaconsfield HP9 IHN.

Tory divide on EMU in perspective

From Mr Bene't Steinberg

Sir. The Conservative Party as a whole is not really split on EMU (letters headline today), although various failed MEPs, ex-MPs and dinosaurs may wish to give that im-

The combined ranks of Little Englanders and Little Europeans amount to no more than 20 per cent of the party. The rest of us are with Mr Hague's very clear strategy, taking his speeches together with policy statements, and no amount of troublemaking will change that.

Britain's place in the wider world demands both that we stay engaged in Europe and that we continue to battle against the new variant Euro-sclerosis that affects our mainland partners. All Conservatives believe that.

Any fight at the party conference in October will damage the Conservatives' ability to win European, Welsh assembly. Scottish parliament and local government seats. It will also be won by the sensible majority who sign up to the leader's vision.

Closer relations between the party hierarchy and the new Conservative MEPs, as specified in the new constitution, are likely to ensure a diminution of the habit of "going native".

Yours faithfully, BENET STEINBERG (Prospective European parliamentary candidate, London Region (Conservative)]. 10 Cambridge Road,

Wanstead, £11 2PN.

Augusi 28.

From Lord Young of Graffham Sir. Mr John Stevens, MEP, described (letter. August 25) the opposition to the euro as a tragedy for Conservatism as EMU was "the fulfilment of the strict

monetarist principles in which we have long believed". Surely the opposite is the case. The euro bloc is, without exception, a high taxation, high government

spending, excessive employment-regulation and taxation bloc, producing unacceptable levels of unemployment, If we enter, then it is straight back to the Seventies. Do we really want to recreate the social tensions of another Winter of Discontent?

YOUNG. House of Lords. August 27.

Regulating for quality on television

From Dr J. M. Wober

Sir. Mr Peter Bazalgette has said at the Edinburgh Festival (Media, August 28) that broadcast quality is best served by letting the market provide what viewers will pursue, and that institutionalised regulation is redundant I have enjoyed watching pro-

grammes that his company. Bazal Productions, and others like it, have made on cookery and gardening 1 have also done much research on the problem of quality - whether it is con-vincingly defined by the cost or the diversity of the product, audience size, appreciation, the number of spontaneous complaints, analysis by critics or accountants, or by any other criterion.

Success in but one of these avenues. or even two, is not in itself a sufficient arbiter of quality. It takes an expertenced and well-equipped institution such as the Independent Television Commission (ITC) or the BBC to be wards maintaining the best available

quality in output. Bazal's productions, and similar material, have had the huge advantage of being nurtured within a protected climate - in a typical week (before the arrival of Channel 5) the

genres of hobbies/leisure pursuits, documentaries and features together comprised 15 per cent of all titles broadcast. This would never have happened in an open market, such as in the US; nor is it likely to persist on the established channels - unless we maintain and adapt our regulatory institutions.

Mr Bazalgette is right, though, in urging that regulatory work must be seen to be just and effective. Three ways in which to improve the credibility of the regulators are to have the ITC financed by (a very small proportion of) the licence revenue to make it obvious that they are doing their job for the public; for the BBC Governors to be reconstituted "outside" the BBC in a position parallel to that of the ITC vis-a-vis the commercial channels: and for the results of audience appreciation research, still carried out routinely by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board, to be published.

Yours sincerely. (Deputy Head of Research, Independent Broadcasting Authority, 1973-92), Flat C.

17 Lancaster Grove, NW3 4EU. wober@clara.co.uk August 31,

Wounded Dervishes

From Mr Jad Adams

Sir, It was not just "a war correspondent" who accused Kitchener of having the wounded Dervishes killed after the battle of Omdurman (report, August 28). Winston Churchill. an eye-witness who was at the time a serving officer under Kltchener, wrote to his mother on January 26, 1899: "1 shall merely say that the victory at Omdurman was disgraced by the inhuman slaughter of the wounded and that Kitchener was responsible for

The killing of wounded Dervishes was such a standard feature of the Sudan campaign that The Graphic even printed a picture of it on October 1. 1898, under the title, "The dark side of campaigning in the Soudan: despatching wounded Dervishes". It was done from field sketches by W. T.

Maud. A following picture showed the justification — which was that the wounded, sure of their place in Heaven if they died battling for their holy cause, would use their last breath to attack Kitchener's soldiers.

Yours faithfully. JAD ADAMS (Producer of Kitchener: The Empire's Flawed Hero for Reputations (BBC2)), Brook Lapping Productions. 6 Anglers Lane. Kentish Town, NW6 3DG. August 28.

Naval links

From Mr James C. Dow

Sir, Samuel Greig and John Paul Jones were not the only Scottish sailors to have served in the Imperial Russian Navy in the 18th and early 19th centuries (Commander Bothwell's letter, August 241.

Among others was a forebear of mine, Robert Crown (1763-1842), who rose to be an Admiral and was awarded several high honours. In 1822 he was appointed Commander in Chief of the Baltic and of Cronstadt. One of the stories told of him is that

on one occasion he refused to fight alongside Jones because of the latter's former service with the Americans and that, as a result, Jones was dismissed by the Russians. Yours faithfully,

JAMES C. DOW, 2 Burton Lodge, Portinscale Road, SW15 2HT. August 25.

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Eco-exhibitionists

From Mr Andy Godfrey

Sir. In your leading article of August 27, "Linle Lord Swampy", you com-plain of the attention received by "ecoexhibitionists". If the journalists who go to protest camps and courtrooms reported on

the issues that are being raised instead of subjecting us to articles con-centrating on "lifestyle" issues then this problem would not exist. I for one do not want to read any more articles droning on about what protesters eat and the practicalities of going to the toilet up a tree. The eco-warrior image was created

by and for the media and is derided by most radical environmental activists. It is under your control not ours. But then, if you killed off the eco-warrior and covered the issues fully you would be failing in your job of marginalising opposition to the State and the big business that controls it.

Yours faithfully, ANDY GODFREY, 40 Sholebroke Avenue, Leeds LS7 3HB. cornerstone@gn.apc.org August 28.

Bunkered at outset

From Mrs Janet Kilsby

Sir. 1, too, have been patronised on the course by male golfers (letters, August 25 and September 1).

The reason, I conclude, is that to men golf is like driving. They automatically assume they are naturally better than women and have a right to tell us what we are doing wrong. They would also like to keep us off the golf course and the roads.

Yours faithfully. JANET KILSBY, Malthouse Place. Radlett, Hertfordshire WD7 8EX. September 1.

Getting shirty

From Dr J. B. Cole

Sir, Commenting on well-made polo shirts which may or may not be counterfeit, the director of Nike UK is quoted (report, Business, August 27) as saying: "But a fake £20 note is still worthless." Perhaps this confirms what many have suspected: that supplying brand-name goods to teen-agers is, almost literally, a licence to print money.

Yours faithfully. J. B. COLE. Meadow Barn, Buckland Monachorum Yelverton, Devon PL20 7NW. August 29.

End to university places scramble

From the Secretary of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference

Sir, "Not a moment too soon" would be the comment of heads of institurions preparing students for entrance to university in response to your report, "Colleges to end clearing sys-tem" (August 24). They have been saying for five years or more that final ap-plications should be made when the students know the actual A-level results they have to match the university departmental requirements. The thought that it could take another four years to operate a new electronic sys-

tem is not a happy one.

The system may be working more smoothly than before but it is still wasteful of time and resources and unfair, as surveys carried out by HMC and the Girls' Schools Associanion for the last three years have shown. The process of making applications to six universities to secure one place takes up time which students. school advisers, university entrance tutors and officers and others could

Moderate students may be encouraged to hold one optimistic offer (grades which might be achieved if results exceed expectations) and one pessimistic offer, to cover the worse scenario. Not infrequently they fail to get their first choice and are reluctant to take up their insurance choice when they have the grades to do better.

Those who leave their decision until clearing have a better chance. There are many similar examples of unfairness, particularly involving able candidates competing for scarce places at universities in high demand. The new system should do much to address these problems.

Yours faithfully. V. S. ANTHONY. Secretary. The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference. 130 Regent Road, Leicester LEI 7PG, August 24.

Wheels and woe

From Mr G. de la Bédovère

Sir. I wonder if Mr John Prescott has fully appreciated the problems facing him in trying to persuade people to stop using their cars. An academic friend at the University of Durham told me recently that each of the seven students who live next door to him has a car and drives individually to lectures, which are at most a 15minute walk away.

At Durham myself, some 20 years ago. I found barely seven cars to my college. Now I watch my neighbours with teenage children train each one to drive and hand over use of a car. which is then driven everywhere.

A six-year-old friend of one of my children, whom I once walked round the corner 10 a party, puffed as we reached the end of the street: "It's a very long way to your car." Yours faithfully.

GUY de la BÉDOYÈRE. 20 Eltham Park Gardens, Eltham, SE9 IAW.

Sales pressure

From Mr Simon Le Couteur Sir, Surely the main purpose of "best

before" dates fletters. August 25 and 27) is that one may spend a happy hour ceremoniously examining every packet and tin in the kitchen cupboards condemning approximately one quarter to the bin, whilst simultaneously feigning disgust that this would not happen if you were in charge of the kitchen.

Products with labels offering the chance to win a Sinclair C5 or tickets for the World Cup in Mexico should be used immediately or thrown away.

SIMON LE COUTEUR. 3 Ennerdale Drive, Frodsham. Cheshire WA6 7LF. simonlec@aol.com August 31.

From Mrs Jane Slade

Sir. Yesterday evening a plastic bottle of pink salad dressing, some days past its sell-by date, spontaneously exploded showering its contents over watls, floor, ceiling. plants, pictures, bookshelves, the unhappy diners and the cat. Could this be the food manufacturers' latest way of ensuring we eat nothing deemed to be bad for us?

Yours faithfully, JANE SLADE. 34 Bristol Road, Ipswich IP4 4LP. August 29.

From Mr B. J. Goodchild

Sir, The food department of perhaps our best-known high street retailer sells bread and rolls whose "display until" and "best before" dates are one and the same - ie, the date of purchase. The label does, however. read reassuringly: "Fresh today."

Yours faithfully, BARRY GOODCHILD. 36 Hinton Road. Wallington, Surrey SM6 9AU.

From Mrs Penelope J. Power Sir. One should simply draw the line when the price is shown in shillings and pence.

Yours faithfully, PENELOPE J. POWER, Swanmore Lodge, Upper Swanmore, Hampshire SO32 2QN August 27.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 1: Mrs Chrstian Adams has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 1: The Duke of York this morning visited the Alfred McAlpine Stadium. Huddersfield, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (Mr John Lyles).

His Royal Highness after-wards visited the Kirklees Media Centre Cyber Café, Northumberland Street. Huddersfield.

The Duke of York, Patron, the Fire Service Sports and Athletics Association, later opened the Fire Services European Volleyball Championships at Huddersfield Sports

Centre. His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Professional Golfers Association offices and re-opened the Brabazon Golf Course at the Belfry, Wishaw, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Mr Martin Dunne).

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, Admiral of the Sea Cadets, will present the prizes at the Sea Cadet Association Sailing Regatta, Port Solent, Portsmouth at

The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron, Parkinson's Disease Society, will open the society's new offices, Victoria Building, 215 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SWI at 11.45.

Coachmakers & **Coach Harness** Makers

The following have been elect-ed officers of the Company of Coachmakers & Coach Harness Makers for the ensuing year:

Master, Admiral Sir Derek Reffell; Senior Warden, Mr Philip Ashfield: Renter Warden, the Hon Roy Constan-tine; Junior Warden, Mr David Almond.

Premium Bonds

The El million prize in the Premium Bond draw for September was won with bond number 27BP 316595. The winner lives in Lancashire, and has a bond holding of

Probe God to his holy place, purios him in the salghty would of heav-on; puntse lates for his acts of power, puntse him for his incon-surable greatness. Fealm 150 : 1.2

CAMPBELL - On August 30th at The Fortland Hospital to Tracey (née Adams) and David, a daughter, Tilly Charlotte Moir, a sister for

CREWELL - On August 27th 1998, at home, to Miranda inée Trafford-Roberts) an

CURRAN - To Andria (née

daughter, Lucy Dawn Augusta, on Monday August 31st 1998, at Chelses and Westminster

EDMONDS - On August 27th at The Portland Rospital to Reina (née Hazenberg) and Phil, a son, Sam.

FEATHER - On August 25th at The Portland Hospital to Ree (oée Turkington) and Charlie, a son, Billy.

and Charlie, a son, Billy. FERGUSSON - On Septemb 1st, to Maggie (née Parham) and Jamle, a daughter, Flora Magdalen Alison.

GEAVES - To Chris and Alice, a son, James

HASLAM - On August 27th at The Portland Hospital to Natalie (ose Kelly) and

HRL - On August 28th at The Portland Hospital to Janet and Stephen o daughter, Lucy Catherine, a sister to

HOPKINSON - On August 28th at The Portland Hospital to Annie and Mark, a daughter,

LAVENDER - On August 18th 1998, to David and Sarah

inée Jarrett), a daughter, Verity Anne Cassandra.

Priddle) and Nigel, c son, Frederick Charles, a brother for Alexander. Beatrice and Nicholas

LEY - On August 26th at The Portland Hospital to Kathleen Bibbins and

Alexander John A.

1074 - On August 28th at
The Portland Hospital to
Leticle and Mike, 3
daughter, Daniela, a sister
for Michael and Paul

MARLOW - On August 25th at The Portland Hospital to Colette and Edwin, e son, Harry James, a brother for Chloé and

Larry Ley, a son, Alexander Dean.

LEWERS - On August 27th 1998, to Pamela (née

Savanna, Zachary.

Christopher, e son, Frederick Zennor.

Andrew, a daughter Flora Rosamond Tess, a siste Ella, Jake and Oscar.

BIRTHS

School news

Bedstone College Boarders returned yesterday for the start of the Autumn Term. Robin Jacobs and Sarah Wright are Heads of College. Bedstone Court, which was severely damaged by fire in 1996, is to be formally re-opened on September 19 by Sir Martin Rees, FRS. Astronomer Royal. On the same day the foundation stone for the new Sports Hall will be unveiled by Harvey Dann, IV. Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Knox School, Long Island, New York. Bedstone's 'sister' school in the United States. The Chapel Choir will give performances of Vivaldi's Gloria and Faurè's Requiem at St George's Church, Clun, on October 16. Half Term commences after ber 16. Half Term commences after the House Music Competition on Friday, October 23. Boarders re-turn on Sunday, November 1. Term ends on Friday, December 11. immediately following the Carol Service at St Laurence's Church, Ludlow. Old Bedstonians' Day will be on Saturday, November 21 when the Dinner will be beld to celebrate the Dinner will be held to celebrate

the College's 50th Birthday. Eton College opens today for the Michaelmas Half. There will be 1,290 boys in the School P.N. Morley-Fletcher KS is Captain of the School and C.P.W. Fielding OS

is Captain of the Oppidans.

Mr D.S. Lowther is Lower
Master. Mr A.G. Wynn, LVO is
Bursar, Mr M.N. Fielker, Mr J.M. Noakes and Mr J.A. Piggot are taking over their respective

The Econ Action Fair will be held on Saturday, September 19. Char-ter Day Short Leave will be from September 25 to 27. There will be four performances of the School Play 'Henry VI' from October 8 to Il and Long Leave will be from October 16 to November 1.

There will be services of Confirmation in College Chapel, conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, on November 21 and 22. St Andrew's Day will be celebrated on Saturday, November 28, and the Carol Service will be on December 13. School closes on The Kings School, Canterbury

The Michaelmas Term begins today. The Captain of School Is Charles C. Rice MS (Meister Omers) and the Vice Captain and Senior School Monitor Emily M.K. Perkin KS (Walpole). Mrs A.L. George takes up her post as Senior Mistress; Mr G.R. Cocksworth becomes Head of the Sixth Form; Mr R.M. Hooper is head of History, and Mr S. Winrow-Campbell is head of Biology. The new Domestic Bursar is Mr G. Merryweather. The new King's Scholars will be admitted to the Foundation during Matins on Sunday, September 20 at 9.30am in the Cathedral, Half term will be from October 17 to November 1. An Open Morning for prospective Sixth Formers will be held on Saturday, October 3 (enquirles to The Registrar's Secretary, tel: 01227 595579) and the entrance examinations held on Saturday. November 7. The School play The Tempest will be performed at 7.30pm Tuesday to Saturday, November 24-28 inclusive, in St Mary's Hall. The Christmas Con-

cert will be held in the Shirley Hall

on Sunday, December 6, and the Carol Service will take place in the

Cathedral on Wednesday, Decem-

ber 9. Term will end on Thursday.

Merchant Taylors' School Autumn term at Merchant Tay lors' School begins today. Tim Moore-Barton is Head Monitor

and also Captain of Rugby. Nick Darbyshire is Second Monitor. The Spencer Leeson Lecture will be given on Friday. Spetember 18 by the Right Hon Lord Weatherill Open Morning for prospective pupils is on Saturday, September 26 from 10.00am - 1.00pm. The 300th OMT Society Dinner will be held at the Merchant Taylors' Hall on Friday, November 27. Performances of "A Jovial Crew" will be given in the Great Hall from Concert with Si Helen's School takes place on Monday, December 7 at St Helen's, and the Carol Service takes place on Sunday, December 13 at 3.30pm in the Great Hall. Term concludes with Doctors' Day on Friday, December 18. Repton School Michaelmas Te

Michaelmas Term beings today. The Old Reptonian dinner will be held at the School on November 7. Westminster School

The school year begins today at the Great School and on September 10 at the Under School. There are 910 members of the School, 654 in the Great School and 256 in the Under School. Mr T. Jones-Parry takes up his appointment as Head Master following the retirement of Mr D.M. Summerscale. Dr F.M.R. Ramsey is Director of Studies. Mr J.M. Barot, Dr A.H.N. Reid, Mrs F.G. Smart, Dr G. Ward-Smith and Mr J.C. Witney are joining the Great School staff; The Reverend T.H. Mordecai becomes School Chaplain following the retirement of The Reverend R.E. Ballard. The Captain of the School is W.R.B. Stevens (Granl's). Performances of The Marriage of Figuro will be given up School on September 28 and 30 and on October 2. Exeat is from October 17 to November 2 The Elizabethan Club Dinner is on November 3. The School Concert will be held in S1 John's, Smith Square on November 25. The Brock Lecture will be given on December 2. The School Carol Service is in Westminster Abbey on December 14. Play Term ends on December 16.

Birthdays today

Sir Leonard Appleyard, former diplomat, 60: Kina Lady Avebury, sociologist, 64; Baroness Brig-stocke, 69; Mr Antoni Burakowski, fashion designer, 36; Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Lady n Waiting to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 80; Professor Dame Barbara Clayton, patholo pame Barmara Clayton, pamoto-gist, 76: Mr Jimmy Connors, tennis player, 46: Mr Russ Con-way, pianist and composer, 73; Professor David Daiches, Emer-itus Professor of English, Sussex University, 86: Sir Oliver Forster, former diplomat, 73; Sir Marrack Goulding, former diplomat, 62; Sir Edward Goschen, former deputy chairman, Stock Exchange Coun-cil, 85; Mr Michael Hastings, playwright, 60; Mr Leslie Hill, former chairman, Central Broad-casting, 62; Air Marshal Sir Paul Holder, 87; Mr Norman, Lessels Holder, 87; Mr Norman Lessels, former chairman, Standard Life Assurance, 60; Sir Patrick Moberty, diplomat, 70; Sir Patrick Sheehy, former chairman, BAT Industries, 68: Mr Victor Spinetti, actor, 65: Mr Robert Lockley Turner, senior master. Queen's Bench Division, 63; General Sir John Waters, 63: the Right Rev David Young, Bishop of Ripon, 67.



corporate director, celebrating the merger of the two royal jewellers as Asprey & Garrard in style yesterday. The Band of the Blues and Royals played as £2 million worth of jewellery arrived in a horse and carriage and mounted police escorted the gold, silver and leather to the door of the jeweller's premises in New Bond Street

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Somerville, poet, Wolseley, Staffordshire, 1675; Abraham Tucker, writer, London, 1705; John Howard, pioneer of prison reform, London, 1726; Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland 1806-10, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1778; Giovanni Verga, dramatist, Catania, Sicily, 1840; Frederick Soddy, chemist and physicist, Eastbourne, 1877; Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart, diplomat and writer, Anstruther, Fife. 1887.

DEATHS: Jusepe de Ribera (Lo Spagnoletto), Spanish painter, Naples, 1652; Thomas Telford, road, bridge and canal builder, London, 1834; Henri Rousseau, painter, Paris, 1910; Tancred Borenius, art historian, Salisbury, 1948; J.R.R. Tolkien, philologist and author of The Lord of the Rings, Bournemouth, 1973; Władysław Gomulka, Polish Communist leader 1956-70, Warsaw, 1982; Piotr Jaroszewicz. Prime Minister of Poland 1970-80, Warsaw, 1992. The Great Fire of London began, lasting until September 6, 1666.

The German SS destroyed the Warsaw Ghetto, killing 50,000 Jews, 1942.

The Second World War ended when General Douglas Mac-Arthur, Supreme Allied Commander, accepted the Japanese surrender onboard the battleship, USS Missouri,

Appointment

Mr Alan Waters has been appointed High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands in succession to Mr Brian Connelly who will be transferring to a new Diplomatic Service appointment.

Latest wills

Lord Wyatt of Weeford, of London NW8, left estate valued at £1,309,981 net. He left £65,000 to Worcester College Oxford

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Alan Boxer, of Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £189,490 net. Lady Warner, wife of Sir

Gerald Warner, of London No. left estate valued at £156,872 net.

The Hon Lady Rowiey, o Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk, left estate valued at £997,020 net. Sir Bernard Ledwidge, former Ambassador to Finland and to Israel, of London SW7, left estate valued at £141.626 net. Sir John Bartlett, of Leatherhead, Surrey, left estate valued at £320.870 net.

Laurence James Holloway, of Fittleworth, Pulborough, West Sussex, left estate valued at ·£1,142,955 ner.

He left £5,000 to both the Builders' Benevolent institution and the Chancered institute of Building.

Forthcoming marriages

MrG. Day and Miss S. Press The engagement is announced between Mr Graham Day, of Corsham, Wilshire, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Joseph Day, of London, and Suzanne, daughter of the late Mr Sydney Arnold Press and of Mrs Victoria de Luria Press, of Chelsen, London.

Dr J.M. Dudley and Miss C.A.E. Shaboon

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs John Dudley, of Hampstead, London, and Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Murivenna, of Belfast. Mr J.M. Ellion

and Miss J. Hood The engagement is announced between Johnathan, son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Elliott, of Johannesburg. South Africa, and Jacqueline, daughter of Ms S. Windell, of Numberpe, North Yorkshire, and stepdatighter of Mr. M.J. Gates, of Appleton Wiske, North Yorkshire. Mr J.C.T. Prancis

and Miss V.C. Poole
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.H. Francis, of Lowdham, Nottinghamshire, and Vanessa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.R. Poole, of Cobham,

Mr JAR Hill and Miss A.V. Mulraine

The engagement is announced between Alastair, son of Mr Antony Hill, of Ide Hill, Kent, and Pameia Bertram, of Speldhurst, Kent, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Mulraine, of Royal Learnington Spa, Warwickshire. Mr J.D. Tweed

and Miss M.M. Fulton The engagement is announced between James David, son of Mr and Mrs David Tweed, of Groton, Suffolk, and Mary Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Pulton, of Puddington, Cheshire.

and Miss E.T. Freedland The engagement is announced between Richard John Kirk, elder son of Mr and Mrs Paul Acton Forrest, of Upper Langford, Somerset, and Emily Tabitha, daughter of Professor Mark Freedland, of Oxford and the late Mrs Lalage Anna Freedland, and granddaughter of Professor and Mrs Geoffrey Lewis Lewis.

Mr A.J. Wills and Miss K.S. O'Connell The engagement is announced between Eleutenant Adam Wills, Irish Guards, son of Group Captain and Mrs Marcus Wills, of Ascot. Berkshire, and Katle daughter of Surgeon Captain and Mrs Morgan O'Connell,

Marriages

Wickham, Hampshire,

Mr T. Bartleet and Mrs M. Lines

The marriage took place on Monday, August 31, at St Ninian's Church, Troon, of Mr Timothy Bartleet, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Bartleet, of Great Tey, Essex, and Mrs Mark Lines, daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Thomas and Lady Baird, of Symington, Ayrshire Canon Jack Trimble officiated and was assisted by the Right Rev David

Mr A.W. Kinsman and Miss H.M.A. Gunn of Banniskirk

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 22, at St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney, of Mr Alexander Kinsman and Miss Helen Gunn of Banniskirk

The bride was given in marriage by her father, lain A. Gunn of Banniskirk, and attended by Miss Lindsay Middleton and Charlotte Gunn. Mr Charles Sabel was the best man.

Church news

Canon Paul Atkins, Rector, Aylmerton w Runton, and Honorary Canon, Norwich Cathedral (Norwich): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Beeston Regis, and Gresham (same diocese).

Appointments

The Rev Alan Boddy, Chap-lain, HMP High Down: to be Chaplain, HMP Wormwood Scrubbs.

The Rev Simon Cade, Curate, Caine and Blackland, and Chaplain, St Mary's School. Calne (Salisbury): to be Team Vicar, Basingstoke All Saints (Winchester).

The Rev David Casswell. Chaplain, HM Remand Centre Wolds: to be Vicar, Clifton (York).

The Rev John Cole, Priest-in-Charge, Alne (York): to be Priest-in-Charge. Brafferton (same diocese)

The Rev Roger Cressey, Chap-lain. Pinderfields Hospital Retirements (Wakefield): to be also Honorary Canon of Wakefield Ca-. thedral (same diocese).

Retirements and resignations

The Rev John Barnett, Rector. Finchley St Mary (London) to retire September 30. Canon David Hoare, Vicar, Hellesden (Norwich) retired June 30. The Rev Walter Jennings.

Vicar, Cheltenham All Saints (Gloucester) retired July 31. The Rev Stephen Weston, Rector, Sutton w Ingham and Calfield (Norwich) retired July 31. Other appointments

Alison Webster, Co-ordinator, Christian Socialist Movement: to be Social Responsibility Officer (Worcester)
Captain Matt Kruczek CA to
be CA Officer, Watling Valley, Milton Keynes (Oxford). Sister Nikki Kruczek CA to be CA Officer, Watling Valley, Milton Keynes (Oxford).

Judge Paiba and Judge Lowe have retired from the Circuit Bench on

the South Eastern Circuit.

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AMIES - On Mondey August 24th 1998, to Deirdra Moyalhan and Roger, a son, Patrick Tremeyne, a brother for Ellen and Kitty. Deo Gracias.

MILTON - On Thursday 6th August 1998 to Elec Mary (ned Kendall-Mary (nee Rendall-Carpenter) and Jonathan a third daughter Clementine Elizabeth Jemima, a sister for Emma Louise and Lucy.

Marcus, a daughter, Matilda Caroline Emma. PARSONS - On 28th August 1998 to Vicky (née Jones) and Brian a beautiful soo Rory Vivien.

Rebecce (née Runcie) and Christopher, a son, Edward Michael Runcie,

TAYLOR - On August 29th at The Portland Hospital to Clare (née Gostling) and Richard, a daughter Tamsin, a sister for Slan.

WEEDY – To Cavin and Anita on 30th August 1998 at Lichfield, Chloe Jane, a sister for Katia.

DEATHS

ASPREY - Mary Patricia, peacefully at home to be 91st year on August 31st 1998. Much loved mothe

DEATHS

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Friday, August 28th, at
Thornhill House, Greet
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Very Rev'd R.A. Beddoes.
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PATERSON – On August 27th to Alison and Richard a daughter Laura Tertia, a sister for Lucy and Amy. PICKLES - On August 27th 1998, to Una (née McLean) and Roger, a son, Roger James Stephen.

TABOR - On August 29th at St Mary's, Paddington, to Rebecca (née Runcie) and a brother for Matthew

ZNAMIROWSKI - On August 26th at The Portland Hospital to Shana and Zev, a lovely baby boy, Mazel Toy.

AGLIONRY - Joan Henchman inde Dring), wife of tha late Hugh Aglionby on 27th August 1998 at Oban Hospital. Very much missed by family and friends. Funeral service in St. John's Cathedral, Oban at 1,00 pm on Friday 4th September. Family Rowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign (Scotland), c/o D & A Munn, Oban.

of John and grandmother of Georgina, William, Charles, Ronald and Charletta. Funeral private. No tlowers. Donations. if desired, to the D.G.A.A. 1

BATTEN - Suddenly but peacofully on August 27th Henry H.E. Batten MA MB. FRCS. Much loved husband, father, and grandfather. Momorial Service in Cambridge to be arranged.

sor on Friday, ember 4th at 3.00cm ers or donations for Soptember 4th at 3.00 Flowers or donations St. Peter's Church, Edensor c/o J.W. & J. Metam Limited, Bakewell, Derbyshire

> Chillingworth), of Cherhill, Wilts, and Cherhill, Witta and formerly Naivesha, Kenye, on Saturday 29th August. Hald in loving memory by John, Richard, Peter, Lynette, Joscelyn, Katle and Eleanor and by har wider family and friends. Funeral on Saturday 5th September, 2.30pm at St. James' Cherhill. Family flowers only, donations to

Bakewell, Derbyshire DE45 1DX.

lowers only, donations t St. James' Church. BRADE - Alan Harper on August 30th, aged 69 years Peacefully at his home in Cowes, I.O.W. after a courageous and dignified struggle sgainst cancer. Beloved husband of Michele, father to Nigel and Jonathan, prood

Michele, father to Nigel and Jonatham, proud and Jonatham, proud grandfather of Eleanor, Slobhan, Imogen, Margot and Alexander. Loved son of Marie and brother to Michael and Jennifer. Respected member of the London Stock Exchange. Funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Cowes on Tuesday September 8th at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Earl Mountbatten Hospic of FL. Llovet. Funeral c/o F.L.Lloyd, Funeral Directors, Tel: 01983 293718

BUSHMELL - Audrey, beloved wife of Derek and mother of Mark, died tragically on het birthday August 24th 1998 in Harare. We are laft with a beautiful garden of Wonderful warming

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BUSS - Dr Devid Hugh, PhD, FRSH, aged 60, after a brave four month battle against cancer, much loved husband of Heather, father of Nicola and Jonathan, brother of Mary and Stephen, Respected Stephan. Respected internationally for his work in nutrition, awarded British Nutrition Foundation Prize,

Foundation Prize,
Honorary Treasurer of
Nutrition Society, Council
member of the Royal
Society of Health and the
Royal Society of Medicine.
Funeral Service in All
Saints Church, Church
Roed, Fleet, Hampahre, at
12pm Tuesday September
8th followed by burial at
Fleet Cansetary. Flowers or
donations in the larm of
cheques made out to the
Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.
Enquiries to Goddards,
01232 616431.

CALMAPN - Gerta died pescefully on August 31st in hospital. She was much loved by family and so many friends. Cremation private; memorial service

CHAUDHR! - Bashir. On August 30th 1993, at Chelses and Westminster Hospital. London. Dearly loved husband of Razia. father of Shahid and Sultana and grandisther of Bilal, Samir, Jahanara and Raheem. Funeral service at East London mosque, Whitechapel, at mosque, Whitechapel, at 1.30 pm on Wednesday September 2nd, followed

CLARKSON - Emma Hermins into Kacasanamn) on 29th August 1938 peacefully at Bushey Hospital agad 87. Dearly loved mother of Harold and Gustav, beloved grandmether of Alexander, Claudia. Raphael, Orlando and Alaz, Funeral Service will take piace East Chapel Golders Green. Crematorium Monday 7th Crematorium Monday 7th

September 12.45 pm

COLUER - On August 29th 1998, Ellen Alloe Mary, aged 63 of Chilton, Oxon. A dearly loved mother, grandmother, daughter and sixte. The funeral takes place at St Matthew Pacial Co. at St Matthew and sister. The fumeral takes place at St Matthew's Parish Church, Harwell on Mouday September 7th at 230pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired payable to Sir Michael Sobell House Rospies, c/o E.J. Khapp and Sons, 4 Church Street, Wantzes, Oxon OXI2 8BL. COWAN - John, former Dean and Fellow of New College, Oxford, died suddenly but pescafully in London on August 28th. Devoted busband of

September 2nd, followed by hurisl at Merton and Sutton Cemetery, Carth Road, Morden, Surrey at 3.30 pm.

Devoted business of Eilean, much loved father of Catarina and Peter, and grandpa of Sophie, Lucy, Letitia and Laura. Family funeral. No flowers please, but donations to Sandal. functal. No flowers please, but donations to Special Trustees, St Thomas' Hospital, (ICU Fund), c/o J.H.Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, London, SWIP 11U. Tel: U171 834 4624. A memorial Service will be held at New College in the Autumn.

NDD, of Town Mill. Mariborough, and formerly of London, or formerly of London, on 30th August 1998, aged 75 years. Deer husband of Eileen, deeply loved and loving. Private cremation. Donations in Roy's memory to the British. Heart Foundation, c/o Boormans Funeral Directors, Mount Ephraim, Tumbridge Wells.

AWS - Wallace Avery. DAWS - Wallace Avery.
Peacefully at home on 29th
August aged 85 years.
Much loved husband of the
late Betty, dearly loved
father of Susan (Knowles)
and John and loving
grandded to Simon and
Faul. Funeral Service at St
Peter & St Paul's Church,
Pickering at 1.30 pm on
Monday September 7th
followed by cremation at
Woodlands Crematorium,
Scarborough.

DEANE - Phillip Benjamin Newenham. Peacefully on 18th August in Dorchester Hospital. Dearty beloved husband of Anne and moch loved father and grandfather, Service in Fifehead Neville on Friday 4th Sentember et 2 nm. No. Ath September at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to the Parkinson's Disease Society c/o Colin J. Close Funeral Service 1B Salisbury Street, Blandford, Dorset Tel. 1952 4 Ed. 20192 01258 453133.

DEARDEN - Ann Verity (née Gibson-Watt) peacefully at Longlands on August 30th. Beloved sister, mother and grandmother, she will be sadly missed by all who knew ber. Cremation private, Memorial Service at Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Clyro at 3 µm Monday September 14th. OWNE - Dr Allan Downie passed way suddenly at his home in Derby on August 28th 1996, beloved husband of Gerridins and father of Flone and

GALLE - Professor W.B. After a long fight with filness Bryce Gallie, distinguished philosop

distinguished philosopher and political scientist, dearly beloved of (the late) Menna, Charles, Didi and wider family died peacefully on August 3 ist 1998 aged 86. A prolific writer - on the philosophy of C.S. Peirce, Aesthetics, Philosophy of History, Kant'r Political Thought and Nuclear War - He was Amit Pointell 1 flought and Nuclear War - He was professor of Political Science at Cambridge and was awarded the Croix de Guerre for World War II secretor Properti

6000 - Herbert Stanley on 29th of August at home peacefully of for an illness borne with courage and dignity, aged 57. Beloved husband of Joan and much least digners of the peaceful and standard of the second standard of the second standard stand loved father of Ewan, Colin and Matthew. Coun and Marthew.
Private Service at 4.00pm
on 4th September of
Mortlake Crematorium.
No flowers please,
donetions if wished to
Marie Curie Nurses or
Macmillan Nurses.

SRANT - Ian Dawson, FRIBA, died pencefully his home in London on Thursday August 27th, 1998. No Funeral

HARGREAVE - Margaret
Leobel (April), or Friday
August 28th. Beloved wifo
of Michael, much leved
mother of Timothy, Oliver
and Belinds and
grandmother of Allson,
Sonkie, Leonal Caret, grandmother of Allson, Sophia, Joy and Sarah. The funeral will be held at St Andrew's Church Oxshort at 2.45pm on Toesday September 8th. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to the Winged Fellowship Trust, C/o F.W. Pains, 108 High St, Esber, Surrey, KT10 90J.

HOLDEN - Sir Devid Charles Beresford Holden, KBE, CB, ERD. On 31st August 1988 peacefully in Salisbury Roopital after a short Illness, aged 53. Formerly of Belfast. Dearly beloved husband of Jean, father of Jennie and Hyis, graodfather of Hyla, grandfather of Nicholas, John, Charles and David. Funeral service at The Church of St Michael, Wilsford cum Michael, Wilstord cum
Lake on Friday, 11th
September at 2.30pm.
Family flowers only but
donations, if desired,
Woodford Valley P.C.C. c/c
1 N Newman Ltd., Griffin

Street, Salisbury SP1 1HL.

MOOPER - William John. On 29th August 1998 aged 91. Much loved husband of Betty and father of Judy and Susan, grandfather of Nicholas and Edward.

Nicholas and Edward.
Funeral Service at St
Mark's Church, Mark
Cross, E. Sussex on
Tucaday 5th September at
3.00 pm. Family flowers
only but donations if
deared for The British
Heart Foundation c/o Paul
Bysouth Funeral Services,
9, Croft Road,
Crowbarough, East
Sussex, TNS 1DL.

SRAEL - Sarah after a long illness on August 30th.
Beloved sister of Hetty and
widow of Louis, Sadly
missed by all her relatives
and friends.

ADGES - Alfred Charles ARGES - Alfred Charles
MBE. FRIBA. On August
28th in hospital. Much
loved husband of Joan,
father of Philip, Sue and
Robert and grandfather of
Richard, Sarah and
Duncan. Funeral at
Barnstaple Crematorium
on 9th September at
11.30am.

KANDRIEUTHER - Helen Joan KARSHEI THEF - Helen Joan (née Collis) on August 30th 1998 aged \$1 at Pirton Hall Nursing Home after a short illness. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Firton at 12.00 noon on Monday September 7th, Family flowers only.

KNOX - Bessie Lynds (née Crust) pescefully en August 30th at home. Beloved wife of Robert and mother of Elizabeth, Helen and Jean, and grandmother of Lindsey, Senn, Alex, Robert, George and Olivis. Cremation at Randells Park Crematorium, Randells Road, Leatherhead ou Friday September 4th at 11:20. Donations, if dealrad, to Barts Henris, c/o L.Hawkins and Son Ltd., 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8ND.

stron - James Robert of Fareham, Hampshire. He died on 29th August aged 52 in hospital after a short illness. Beloved husband

Jersey, JE3 3BD.

MALET de CARTERET - Mary Patricia (Pat). Suddenly in France on August 28th 1998. Will be sadly missed. Funeral strictly private by her request. No flowers please, Donations in lieu, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation Uerroy Appeal), c/o The Hon Treasurer, Mr 1 K Ling,

MANDELL - On 25th August
1988. Aliada Berbera
Mandell (née GrenvilleWells), aged 78 died of
Cancer in Holsworthy
Hospital, Devon.
Cremstion at The North
Devon Cremstorium,
Bernstuple at 3.00pm on
Pridsy September 4th.
Puseral arrangements by
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Tel:01409 221281.

MASON - George Stewart.

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MASON - George Stewart, suddenly at his home in London on August 29th 1998. Cremation: West London Cremation: West London Crematorium Tuesday 8th September et 2.15 pm. No flowers by request. All enquiries to J. H. Kenyon 0171 937 0757.

H. Kenyon 0171 337 0757.

MATHIAS - Ludmila Inde Krassine), beloved widow of John, peacefully in hospital after a short illness on August 27th aged 92. Beloved munt to Christophe, Benjamin, Nicolae, Annie, Sebestien, Ludovic and her families in England and Russia. We will all miss her deeply. Funeral Service at the Russian Catherdrai, Ennismore Gardens, SW7 Thursday 3rd September at 2pm. Private overation & Sons Ltd, 212 Everabolt Street, NW1.

METCHELL - Ernest MTCHELL - Ernest
Prederick(Mick) died
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August 30th at
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aged 92. Much loved
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(deceased), father,
grandfather and friend.
Funeral service to be held
on Friday September 11th.
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18CHOLSON - Lady Eve on
August 27th aged 24,
following a fall. Beloved
widow of General Sir
Cameron Nicholson and
much loved mother,
grandmother and great
grandmother. Funeral
accorden at 52 Resward ervice at St Breward Parish Church, Cornwall at 2:30pm September 5th. Donations for Cornwall Air Ambulance. Enquiries to R.J.Bray. 01308 812626.

to E.J.Bray. 01308 812628.

REDEY - Col. Charles
William Ridiey OSE DL.
(Bill). Pescefully on 28th
August 1998 aged 91 Jers.
Dearly loved insband of
Margeret, loving father of
Nick, Carria, the late Will.
Stepfether of Lix and
adored grandfather.
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2.30pm. No flowers.
Donations if desired to
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Rea Valley Group, C/O
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TRADE; 0171 481 1982 FAX: 0171 481 9313 SAMUELSON - Eleanor (née Dewson) Cloghran Stod and Riversdale Nursing Home. August 30th 1988, peacefully at 51 James' Hospital, Dublin. Deeply regretted by ber daughter Clare, sister Kitty, son-in-law, nephews, nieces and a large circle of friends. Removal to 5t Columba's Church, Swords, Thursday arriving at 6pm. Service at 11:30am, Friday and after wards to Glasnevin Crumatorium. Family flowers only. Denations in lieu to the Injured Jockeys

lieu to the Injured Jockeys Fund. May she rest in peace. All enquiries to Staffords Funeral Directors, Dublin. Tel: 003531 8550555

SHORT - On August 31st 1998, pescefully at home, Commander Kelth Ivan Commander Keith Ivan Short OBE, DSC, RN (retired) of Eaber Surrey and Portamonth, Hampshire, Dearly loved and loving father of lan, Vanessa, Robert and Flona, much loved grandfather to many grandchildren, devoted husband of the late Lucy Teresa (Terry), Service husband of the late Lucy Teresa (Terry). Service Church of The Hely Name, Arbrook Lane, Esher 11am, Wednesday 9th 1998, followed by cremation et Randalle Park Leatherhead. Family flowers only. Donations to the Prostate Caneer Charity, 2/0 F W Pains, 168

Charity, c/o F.W.Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9QJ. Tel: 01372 46402L SMITH - On August 27th, Edward Charles Smith of Cutenhoe Road, Luten aged 79 years, (E.C. Smith & Sons Ltd). Funeral service takes place on Wednesday Sch September, 2.15pm at St Marys Parish Church Luten followed by cremation at Loten Crematerium. Flowers and enquiries to Neville Funeral Service, 311 Marsh Road, Leagrave, Luten, Beds. LU3 2RZ. (01552 490005).

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STEWART - Olga M. At New Abbey, on 6th August 1998, Olga Margaret Stewart (née Mounsey), aged 78 years, much loved wife of Francis J Stewart W.S. Mensorial Services on Wednesday 16th September to the Kirk of Greyfriars, Edinburgh at 1.45 pm; and on Thursday 17th Seplember in the Parish Kirk, New Abbey at 2pm fellowed by Intermet of the naises in New Abbey Kirkyard. All friends welcome to sorvices. Postively no flowers please at her special request.

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VANNECK - On Septemb VARRECK - On Septemore lat at home in Sydney.
Britta, widow of the Honourable Andraw Vanneck. Mother of Margita and William.
Cremation in Sydney.
Memorial Service in Suffolk to be announce later.

WADLOW - Peggy died peacefully on August 27th 1998, at Norwich and Norfolk Hospital after a short illness. Family flowers only please to Duckers, Aylaham. Funeral on Thursday September 3rd. Donations to Norwich Hospice. Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Colman Road, Norwich.

WATSON - John aged 71, on Saturday 29th August, peacefully at home after a long lilness. Husband of Anne, Iather of David, Nigel, Sally and Jo. Funeral oo Friday 4th September at 2.30pm at Bournemouth Cramatorium. Family flowers only, any donations through Funeral Directors (Tel: 01590 673142) on behalf of the Portamouth Renai Unit Amenity Fund.

WHEELHOUSE - Alan, aged 64 years, peacefully al-home on Friday August 28th. Much loved husbane of Jenny, devoted father to Heather, Julie and Emms. Private family cremation. No flowers but donations. No flowers but donations, if wished, to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Macmillan Nurses Fund, c/o Bagaley Bros, Funeral Directors, 500 Mensifield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham Note 5 are 7 at 10115 980 Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 2FB. Tel: 0115 960 5197. A Thankagiving Service will be held on Thursday September 10th 1998 at St Mary's Church. Lace Market, Nottingham

WOODHAM-SMITH - Charles James, August 18th 1998, son of G.J. and Cecil Woodham-Smith, he leaves his baloved wife. Jenny and his children Elizabeth, Julia, Thomas and Edward Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, the 19th September at 11.15am.

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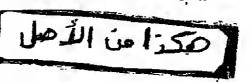
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OBITUARIES

SIR RALPH FREEMAN

Sir Raiph Freeman, CVO. CBE, consulting engineer, died on August 24 aged 87. He was born on February 3, 1911.

alph Freeman was a parmer of the famous firm of consulting engineers Freeman, Fox & Panners from 1947 until his retirement in 1979, and was senior partner from 1963 onwards. He was a distinguished engineer, much respected within his profession, and his time as a partner saw the firm undertake notable projects at home and overseas: big bridges, ranging from the Auckland Harbour Bridge of the 1950s to the single span Humber Bridge of the 1980s; tunnels; highways, including several motorways; power stations and railway works. The firm no longer exists, having become part of Hyder plc, the Welch syster company in 1902 Welsh water company, in 1992 Freeman was the eldest son of another

distinguished engineer, his namesake Sir Ralph Freeman, who had himself been a partner of the firm from 1912 unol his death in 1950 and who was the designer of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, completed in 1932. The younger Ralph was educated at Uppingham School and Worcester College. Oxford. graduating in engineering

He started work with Dorman Long and soon became involved in the erection of big bridges. The first two were in what was then Rhodesia: the Birchenough, a 1.080ft span arch bridge of great elegance over the Sabi River; and the Otto Beit, a 1,050ft span suspension bridge. The bridges had been designed by his father and provided excellent experience, the design and construction of both being notable for economy and ingenuity. The third was the Storstrom Bridge in Denmark, a multi-span railway bridge, then the longest in Europe, a feature of which was the use of a 500-ton floating crane to lift and place prefabricated spans in posicion.

Freeman joined the staff of Freeman, Fox & Partners in 1939 and at once found himself working on the design of a large explosives factory at Caerwent for the Admiralty. In 1943 he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers, working initially on the development of Bailey bridging, including a 400ft span suspension bridge. later used in Burma.

In July 1944, following the Normandy landings, he was seconded to the Chief Engineer, 21st Army Group, and advised on a number of the military bridges needed to cross rivers and canals as the Allies advanced through France, Belgium and Holland and into Germany. Following the defeat of Germany in May 1945, he played a major part in the design and construction of three large high-level Bailey bridges across the Rhine. The first, at Düsseldorf. was known as the Freeman Bridge. The other two, which were semi-permanent structures, were at Wesel and Cologne. For this work he was appointed MBE (Military) and created a Knight of the Orsau incinerian

He returned to Freeman, Fox & Partners at the end of 1945. His father, Sir Ralph, was still senior partner but the war had reduced the firm to 12 people. Commissions came slowly but there was some bridge and power station work. The former included a bridge in Rhodesia and schemes for the Forth and Severn; the lat-ter included a revival of earlier hydro-elec-

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The Humber Bridge designed by Freeman Fox & Partners: it was the world's longest single span from its opening in 1981 until this year

tric work in North Wales and the beginning of a long involvement in civil works for thermal power stagons.

In 1949 the partnership was appointed consulting engineers for the South Bank Exhibition, part of the Festival of Britain. The main feature was the 365ft diameter Dome of Discovery, designed by the firm. But the most formidable task was co-ordinating and checking the designs of the nu-merous other buildings, for which there were separate architects and engineers. and organising and supervising the con-struction of the various works, all to an extremely tight programme. In the middle of this, in 1950. Sir Ralph, who was in charge of the firm's work, suddenly died and this responsibility fell upon his sun.

his own abilioes, particularly in design and execution of major works. This he began to do, applying his ability directly to the projects for which he was responsible and also providing assistance and advice on other projects carried out by the firm. For another reason 1951 was also important for the firm. It saw the go-ahead for the first big postwar bridge, that across Auckland Harbour in New Zealand. Gil-

bert Roberts (later Sir Gilbert), who had become a partner in 1949, was in charge of the firm's work but Freeman was closely involved. The year also saw the start of design for the civil works for Castle Donington, the first of the thermal power stations. Other work then began to flow, reaching impressive proportions by the

The exhibition opened on time in May

1951, and in recognition of his work Free-

The festival marked an important point

in Freeman's career. He had great respect for his father but inevitably had lived in

his shadow. He was now free to develop

man was appointed CBE.

Among the major works in which the firm was involved between 1951 and Freeman's recrement in 1979 were: bridges -Volta, Forth. Severn, Auckland (including later extensions), Erskine, Bosphorus and Humber (the world's longest single span when it opened in 1981); power stations -Aberumy and Flestiniog; highways - the M2, the M5 and parts of the M4; the reconstruction of Cannon Street station; the Hong Kong Cross-Harbour Tunnel; the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway, and radio telescopes in Canada and Australia.

In 1960 an important association was formed with Wilbur Smith & Associates, a leading firm of traffic engineers in the

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United States, the immediate purpose of which was to undertake the London Traffic Survey on behalf of the Ministry of Transport and the GLC. Freeman rightly saw this as a new and important field of work which would usefully complement the firm's other activities, and he took a principal role in the management of the oint firm. The work expanded rapidly, both in this country and overseas. The year 1960 also saw the start of the firm's work in Hong Kong. This began as a study, done jointly with Scott. Wilson.

Kirkpatrick & Partners on behalf of a group of Hong Kong businessmen, for a crossing of the harbour by bridge or runnel. Freeman was the partner-in-charge of the firm's work and the project was evenmally built between 1969 and 1972 as a pri-

vately financed immersed-tube tunnel.
In the early 1960s the Hong Kong Government, concerned that population growth and increasing prosperity would render the existing transport systems inadequate, decided to commission largescale traffic and engineering studies for a

mass-transh system and, in 1965, the joint Freeman Fox Wilbur Smith firm was appointed to undertake this work. Its report in 1967 recommended an extensive masstransit railway and two years later Freeman Fox was appointed the main consultant for the design and construction of the first stages. Much of the credit for obtaining these important appointments lay with Freeman, who played a leading role in the negotiations.

He also involved himself closely in the conceptual planning of the schemes, a field in which his experience and natural skills were of great value, and also in the preparation of the reports. The Milford Haven and Yarra bridge collapses in 1970 imposed a great burden on him. For someone who was proud of the firm and its history they were a bitter blow. As senior partner, it fell to him to deal with the problems that followed.

Freeman was a natural engineer, with an instinct for what was practicable, and had the ability to visualise an engineering project as a whole and appreciate quickly its essential features. His powers of leader-ship enabled him to inspire others.

He was president of the Insolution of Civil Engineers in 1966-67 and was knighted in 1970. From 1946 to 1976 he was consulting engineer for the Sandringham Estate and was appointed a CVO for this work in 1964. He was a valued member of the Royal Fine Art Commission from 1968 to 1985. His other interests included golf, sailing and his workshop. In his reorement, he maintained contact with many friends and former colleagues. In a large family he was finingly regarded with much affection as a respected elder by his many relations.

The work of his elder son Anthony, also a civil engineer, provided great interest in his reorement, and Anthony's death in July this year, from injuries sustained during the construction of the Vasco da Gama Bridge in Lisbon in April 1997, was a grievous tragedy (obituary: The Times. August 21).

Ralph Freeman married Joan Elizabeth Rose in Cape Town in 1939. She survives him, together with a son and daughter.

PERCY GRIEVE

Percy Grieve, QC, former Conservative MP for Solibull and Crown Court Recorder, died on August 22 aged 83. He was born on March 25, 1915.

PERCY GRIEVE was once described as a knight of the shires who somehow missed out on the knighthood - and the shire. His first attempt to enter Parliament ended in failure, defeated in 1962 by Dick Gaitskellite Labour candidate - in a snowbound by-election at Lincoln. His cause was not helped by his posters which morosely pleaded: "Grieve for Lincoln". He made it two years later at Solihull, by his party's fourth largest majority, and occupied the seat for two

tle local difficulty. A Europhile who had joined the Briosh delegation to the Council of Europe, Grieve was opped for a Whitehall job in the Heath Government of 1970, perhaps as a law officer. but the call never came. Disappointed, and by now aged 55, he resolved to concentrate on his career at the Bar and on his involvement with the Coun-

decades, but not without a lit-

cil of Europe. Not everyone in Solihull was sympathetic. A number of local Tories, together with The Birmingham Post, charged him with spending more time in court than in his consotuency and started a campaign to deselect him. But Grieve, who did not even live in Solihull, conducted such a spirited defence that he won his case. and eventually his consotuents' affection. Bin Grieve was to remain very much a work-

ing lawyer. In 1978 he was also one of a number of MPs who sued the Daily Mail (which had accused them of neglecting their parliamentary duóes), win-ning undisclosed libel damages and an apology. Born in Clapham, South

London, William Percival Grieve was the son of a 2nd lieutenant in the Middlesex Regiment who was killed in action at Ypres two weeks before Percy was born. Ten years later, his mother visited South Africa and then married the ship's doctor she met on the voyage home.

The family moved to Northumberland, where Percy was largely taught at a tutorial establishment in Newcastle upon Tyne. From there he won an exhibition to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he read history and law and was active in the Conservative Association.

Called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1938, he joined the Midland Circuit, but hardly had time to practise before war broke out.

Bilingual in French and English, he was immediately commissioned and sent to Paris as a liaison officer with the French military censorship office. Transferred to the Ministry of Information in London after Dunkirk, he was assigned to General de Gaulle, at his headquarters in Carlton Gardens, to act as his publicity officer in Britain (the general later gave him a commemoraove signed photograph).

Later in the war he became a staff officer in the military missions to Belgium and Lux-embourg, involved with the administration of territories liberated during the Allied advance through Europe (he had hoped for a job in France but was thought to be too close to de Gaulle), and ended the war in Germany, prosecuting Nazis accused of war crimes.

Returning to the Bar after the war. Grieve appeared in a variety of civil and criminal cases on the Midland Circuit. One took him to Hong Kong and another to the Canal Zone, where he defended a sol-dier who had murdered his sergeant major and who was subsequently hanged.

Grieve took silk in 1962 and became Recorder of Northampton in 1965. Then he was made a Recorder of the Crown Court in 1972, sitting frequently at the Old Bailey.

Although he reduced his workload after 1976, when he was fitted with a heart pacemaker, he continued as an MP until 1983 and sat as a recorder until 1987. He also maintained a full diary out of court. He was a bencher at the Middle Temple and master reader in many ways, a perfect diplo-



there in 1988, as well as being a senior member of the Bar Council. He served on the Commons Select Committees on Race Relations and Members' Interests, and upon the British delegation to the West-ern European Union.

He continued to play an acove role in the Council of Europe - once nearly becoming its president. He was also president of Fulham Conservative Association, and a leading member of several societies promoting friendship between Britain, France and the Benetux countries, all of which had showered him with national honours.

Despite recurring bouts of ill-health, he swam daily at the Hurlingham Club all his life. Percy Grieve was a tall, thin, erect man, immaculately dressed and with gentlemanly manners. He would not dream of passing a lady without raising his hat, and behaved towards even his critics with great courtesy. He was. mat. As a lawyer he was sound rather than brilliant, often winning quite hopeless cases by captivating juries - less through argument than by his sincerity and style.

He was almost as well known in France as in this country. French broadcasters. seeking to canvass British opinion, often turned to him. Aside from his perfect French, he was to them the archetypal Englishman, and they adored him for it.

He met his Anglo-French wife, Evelyn, in London before the war, courted her assiduously throughout it and eventually won her hand in 1949. They were to suffer, however, more than their fair share of sadness. Their first son lived only two weeks and their only daughter died in 1987. His wife died of cancer seven years ago, and Percy Grieve, who died in a Marseilles hospital from a stroke after collapsing while on holiday in Corsica, is survived by one son, the Conservative MP for Beaconsfield.

PERSONAL COLUMN

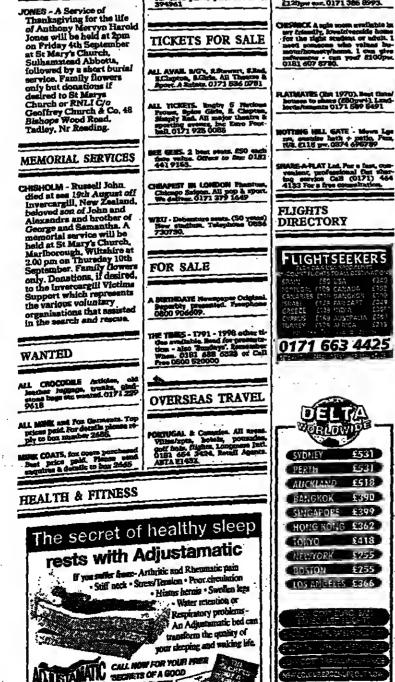
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OPENING OF THE SEVERN TUNNEL

This stupendous work, which may rank among the greatest engineering achievements of modern times, has at length been brought to such a successful completion that the tunnel was opened for goods traffic yesterday, and it has been arranged to run nine goods trains per night each way.

The passenger traffic is only delayed for two months by the exceptionally hard work in finishing the connecting lines on the Gloucestershire side, where the engineers have had to run a tunnel of a mile in length, throught hard rock, parallel to the existing tunnels. The tunnel line, with the cuttings, is in all seven miles five furlongs, of which four and a half miles were at first designed to be tunnelled. Two miles and a quarter of the tunnel are beneath the estuary of the

The Great Western Railway Company obtained a through Act in 1872, and commenced work in the spring of the fol-

ON THIS DAY

September 2, 1886

The construction of this underwater link to South Wales was anything but straightforward and took 13 years to complete.

lowing year. After six years working they had driven the heading from either end to within 120 yards, when they tapped a land spring on the Munmouthshire side, and the whole of the works

were flooded.

With powerful engines the water was numped out, and the junction between the headings from either side of the river was made in 1881. In that year the sea water found its way through a dip in the river bed known as the Salmon Pool, and flooded the works on the Gloucestershire side. This was mastered by filling in the pool with clay puddles in bags. and under Sir John Hawkshaw's advice the level of the tunnel was lowered 15ft. The work progressed till October, 1883, when the old land spring was again opened, and the water poured in as though it came from an underground reservoir, and, rising in the workings 4ft, per hour, it completely flooded the tunnel works on the Monmouthshire

With the aid of divers the water was shul off by a door, and a wall 15ft. thick was constructed to protect the workings on the Gloucestershire side from an incursion of the water. In the same month the works near the Marsh Shift, on the Monmouthshire shore, were flooded by a great tidal wave, which swept inland and poured down the shaft.

With constant increase of pumping power the work progressed, the four and one-third miles to tunnel being driven through hard Pennant stone, the coal measures, shale and mari. the engineers successfully dealing with enormous difficulties in the way of subterranean land

NEWS

Ulster violence over, says Adams

Sinn Fein moved to break the deadlock over IRA decommissioning with a statement that all but declared the war was over.

"The violence we have seen must be for all of us now a thing of the past, over, done with and gone," Gerry Adams announced before President Clinton's arrival in Northern Ireland tomorrow. His party was "committed to exclusively peaceful and democratic means" and to "making conflict a thing of the past" ...

Channel isle 'invasion' repulsed

Hours after an invasion force claimed the most southerly outpost of the British isles as a Patagonian colony, a British bobby jumped from an inflatable dinghy and reasserted Her Majesty's rule over the tiny reef...

Clinton's warning

President Clinton appealed passionately to Russia to persist with economic reforms and warned everyone from President Yeltsin to schoolchildren against failed Communist policies ... Pages 1. 11

Drugs 'prejudice' Whitehall is worried that drug

treatment has focused on white, middle-aged, middle-class abusers. A new campaign will aim at teenagers, women and ethnic minorities ...

Terror laws pledge

The Government sought to defuse Labour backbench concerns over its emergency anti-terrorist laws by emphasising that they will contain safeguards against wrongful conviction......Page 4

Harassed male

A woman bank manager hounded a young trainee because he was a man. He was ordered to mop the floor and finally Page 3

Pets 'reprieve'

A report commissioned by the Government recommends abolishing anti-rabies quarantine for pets travelling between Britain and the ContinentPage 2

Personal pictures

BBCI is stuffy and reliable, like Queen Victoria; Channel 4 does things differently, like Richard Branson, Viewers reveal their im-

Digging in

Protesters against Britain's first toll-motorway say that they have constructed a tunnel fortress that would allow them to stay underground for a month and to defy

Flights delayed Almost a third of European

flights were badly delayed this summer, repeating the miserable airport scenes of the Eighties. Airlines say complacent politicians are to blame.

Memory lane

Motorists drive more slowly on country roads that are made to look more like the lanes they once were. Out go the central white line and warning signs, down goes brown grit Page 10

Corruption trial A former Nato chief enters the

dock with nine ex-ministers and party officials in a trial expected to expose corruption at the heart of Belgian politics Page 13 **Euro trouble**

Sinking stocks and hints of global recession threaten the European recovery that was supposed to launch the euro in 16 weeks' time...... Page 12

Enclave of fear

Twelve thousand ethnic Albanians, corralled into a narrow strip of land in Kosovo by a tightening noose of Serb forces, fearfully ages of TV channels.......Page 5 await a massacrePage 12

And less finally ... News at Six-Thirty

The ITV companies have decided after months of deliberation to move News at Ten to earlier in the evening. They will ask the Independent Television Commission for permission to run the main evening news at 6.30pm. The move is likely to upset politicians because they have always liked the shop window that News at Ten gave themPage 1



Emmanuel Petrit of Arsenal and the rest of France's World Cup squad received the Legion of Honour from President Chirac yesterday

BUSINESS

Russia: Bardays Bank has made a provision of £250 million to cover the cost of Russian losses. Nomura, the Japanese broker, also revealed Russian losses Page 21

Power bid: Southern Electric and Scottish Hydro-Electric revealed a near £5 billion merger. Southern was the last independent regional electricity company Page 21

Boeing: The world's biggest aero-

space group is replacing the head

of its commercial aircraft division after the \$2.6 billion loss from production problems..... Page 21 Markets: The FTSE 100 index fell 80.3 points to close at 5169.1. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 106.0 to 105.3 after a rise from \$1.6632 to \$1.6772 but a fall from

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Cricket: John Crawley was chosen ahead of Graeme Hick in the England party for the winter tour to Australia. Among the surprise inclusions were the bowlers Peter Such and Alex Tudor Page 40 Tennis: Steffi Graf was taken to three sets by Corina Morariu of the

United States before advancing to

the second round of the US Open in

New York Page 40 Football: Jamie Redknapp, whose career has been blighted by injury, is expected to be in the starting lineup for England's European Championship qualifier Page 35 Athletics: Matt Yates turned down

the chance of prize-money with Europe at the World Cup in Johannesburg, preferring to be travelling DM2.9530 to DM2.9343....Page 24 reserve for Great Britain...Page 38

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Festival fever: Critics review Eugene O'Neill plus concerts in Edinburgh; Prommers in London hear Andrew Davis conducting Elgar, and a Salonen premiere.... Page 28

Stage struck: Stephen Daldry quit the Royal Court to cultivate a career in movies. But the chance to direct David Hare brings him back to theatre

Barton, starring in the new production of Annie from the end of this month, is an old trouper - she wasPage 29 discovered at two Busy feet: Choreographer Mark

Baldwin does not believe in waiting around; tonight his first piece for City Ballet of London opens, followed by a clutch of commissions..

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

FILMS

Geoff Brown sees

Days of Disco

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and a buccaneer

of film production:

cinema reliving the

Seventies in The Last

A buccaneer of the seas-

Don't say that: "All right, Marilyn, be sexy." That instruction was Laurence Olivier's big mistake when he directed Monroe in The Prince and the Showgirl ... our serialisation continues Page 14 Daughter's outrage: Sarah Potter says she is appalled at the lecherous image of her father, the playwright Dennis Potter, as painted in a new biography Rising star: Ten-year-old Charlene Net loss: Spending too much time surfing through cyberspace or swapping e-mails? You may be in danger of becoming a victim of the

> Dream on: When it comes to falling for a dream home, seemingly hardnosed estate agents are just as likely as the rest of us to listen to their

Few ordinary Russians enjoy a better life under capitalism. Recent events indicate their patience may not last much longer. While we applaud President Yeltsin's efforts to manage the crisis, we hope the enlivened Communist spirit will pervade the economic scene and save Russia from economic peril. The Observer, Sri Lanka

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HOMES Rent by fire: Tenants should beware of making a deal on furniture in the property they rent; the items may constitute a fire danger ...

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Preview: The new Lynda La Plante

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drama stars Miriam Margolyes as head of an undercover crime unit-Supply and Demand (ITV, 9pm). Review: Joe Joseph on a mammoth hunt that fails to find a mam-... Pages 38, 39

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island haven

Not since 1987 have world stock markets been so panicky. Is this just the beginning of the end of the good times or the start of something much worse? Page 17

Deadly power play

The harder North Korea probes the Clinton Administration, the softer it finds it. Every weak response could tempt this belligerent dictatorship to put US resolve to the ultimate test on the territory of South Korea ...

Air traffic jams

Until European governments and their defence ministries take civilian congestion more seriously, summer delays will only get worse, leading perhaps to an air . Page 17

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SEAN O'CALLAGHAN

Unless guns are got rid of by the people responsible for them, one day someone will use them to continue the "war"... .. Page 16 **BRONWEN MADDOX**

This is a sobering moment for the United States; the world's only superpower is unable to coax or bully much weaker countries along a path of mutual interest Page 16 ALAN COREN

If the law refuses to concern itself with the distressing trifles of Germaine's pastoral fable, it will assuredly have scant truck with any Cricklewood gallimaufry I cobble

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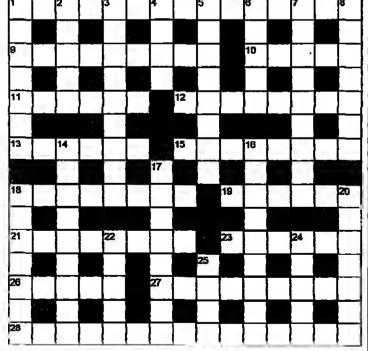
Sir Raiph Freeman, consulting engineer, whose firm's big bridges ranged from Auckland Harbour Bridge down to the single-span Humber Bridge; Percy Grieve, former Tory MP and Crown Court

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,886



ACROSS

I Lead towards the light — as the compiler tries to do? (3.1.4.7). 9 Person trained to pluck owl, for

10 What gives company to Queen — good one! (5). Absorb private joke you hear (6). 12 Pasta that's just dandy (8).

13 Bird turned tail, having sound 15 Unfortunate experience I had during stress (8).

18 French region — time and time again area is engulfed by sea (8). 19 Provocation, switching sides in the face of blow [6].

21 Prop leaves team exposed (8). 23 Unhealthy state? Yes, indeed!

26 The changes at the top making us mad (3.2). 27 Sort of engine that takes more than one to drive, perhaps (3-6).

Solution to Puzzle No 20885

L R STRING

large wedding at Cana (5.5,5).

I Son, having drunk double gin, making a subscription (7). 2 Sheer acceleration of falling ob-

3 Adjust share in present control of 4 Notice of going right out of range

5 Actor's coming on to delight (3). 6 In Africa, chap oddly turns up here? It wouldn't be odd (5). 7 Composer lies in drunken state

under piano thus (9). 8 It is let slip one might be a snob

English duke, elevated by God's grace (3.6). 16 Almost rude, one Conservative lacking prudence (9).

17 Like parts of curate's egg bishop brought in (not scrambled) (8). 18 Embrace more dangerous from emale (4-3).

20 Power supply giving prisoner a degree of comfort (3.4). 22 Trophy I had received as expert with darts (5).

24 Demonstrated method used in partnership (5). You've not to stay in this country

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FORECAST. General: East Anglia and south east England will have outbreaks of rain. Elsewhere in England and Wales there there may be showers between sunny spells. In the Northern Isles will still be wet and windy but elsewhere in Scotland winds will be light with sunny spells and showers. Northern Ireland wilt have a dry day. London, SE, Cent S England, E
Angila: early log, then surny spells,
cloudy later with risk of rain. Light and
variable winds. Max 23C (73F). variable winds, max 20 (73r).

I E, Cent N, NE England: cloudy but some sun and risk of showers. Light winds, Max 21C (70F).

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NW England, Lake Dist, IoM: early log, then sunny but risk of showers.

Light N wind. Max 21C (70F) Channel Is: showers. Light to moderate NE wind, Max 21C (70F). ☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Showers. Light E wind. Max 19C (66F). USW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Highlands, Argyli: sun, showers. Light NW wind. Max 19C (66F).

Orkney, Shetland: breezy with outbreaks of rain. Moderate to Iresh Outbreaks of fain, Moderate to Iresh
SE wind. Max 14C (57F).

| N Ireland: sunny, risk of shower.
Light NW wind. Max 18C (64F).
| Republic of Ireland: sunny, then

showers. Light W wind. Max 20C (68F). Outlook: rain in many parts tomorrow, but west will be mainly dry.

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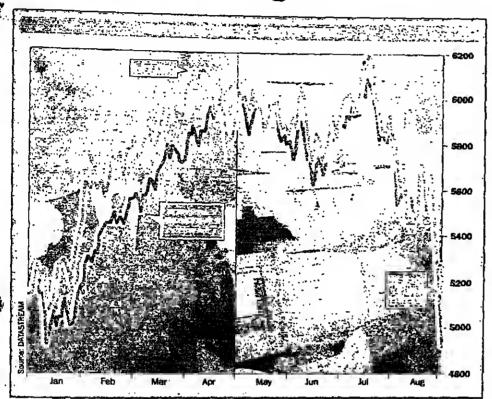
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 1998

Banks begin to count the cost of doing business in Russia

Barclays loses £250m in crisis



By RICHARD MILES AND OLIVER AUGUST

BARCLAYS has become the first British casualty of the July and August. Russian financial crisis, announcing that it will take a second-half charge of £250

The unexpected disclosure

— banking analysts had estimated Barelays total exposure at about £100 million — sent the bank's shares tumbling below £13 before they staged a modest recovery to end the

million to cover losses pre-

dominately in the securities

market.

day down 78p at £13.37. Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays, said its total Russian banking and securities trading exposure was £340 million, mostly in the form of government securities and counterparty credit with finan-

cial institutions. The net effect of the provision, described by Mr Taylor as very conservative, will reduce 1998 after-tax profits by £150 million. He added that Barclays Capital, the investment banking arm, had also lion in other markets during Banking analysts immediately marked down their profit forecasts for Barclays by "Default on domestic liabiliaround £400 million, with

one analyst.

In the US, Bankers Trust said its trading losses in the Russian and US markets had

reached \$350 million (£210 mil-

lion), which would push the

Wall Street securities house

into the red for the third quar-

ter. It has marked down its

portfolio of Russian invest-

the biggest so far announced

Bankers Trust's losses are

ments by 85 per cent.

ties is an extremely unusual event," said Mr Taylor. "The terms of the Russian Government's debt restructuring were unclear and complicated." He added that the situation was worsened by the slow release of Russia's debt restructuring details,

In calculating the charge Barclays has assumed its financial hedges with Western and Japanese banks are sound, but those with Russian counterparties are virtually worthless. It has cut its Russian securities to about 10 per cent of their face value to allow for the rouble's devaluation.

Bob Diamond, head of Barclays Capital, said any sensible person would reassess their position in emerging markets in light of the widening spreads on securities. "We are seeing a repricing of credit." he said. There would be no job losses as a direct result of the

among American banks. But the biggest overall loser in the US is George Soros, the hedge fund manager who lost \$2 bil most scaling up the tradiog Nomura International adlosses in emerging markets.

"This has to raise questions mined losses of \$350 million about risk controls in Barclays on Russian bond trading at its Capital, which is responsible US and London offices. Credit for most of the losses." said Suisse First Boston last week announced it had lost \$250 mil-Other UK banks exposed to events in Russia include Nattion and BankAmerica was taken for \$220 million. Salomon Smith Barney, part of West which is believed to have Travelers Group, on Monday revealed losses of \$150 million leans in the country worth £100 millinn. Royal Bank of Scotland with about £60 mildespite the closure of some of lion and HSBC Holdings. ownits riskiest bond trading operaer of Midland, also with £60 tions under the new Travelers

management earlier this year. Separately, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the for-mer colony's chief financial regulator, yesterday revealed that it owns nearly 9 per cent of HSBC Holdings. The HKMA disclosed its stake after spending an estimated £6 billion to prop up the equity

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First Leisure confirmed (hat i) has sold the bulk of its resorts division, including Blackpool Tower, to Trevor Hemmings, the former Pontin's boss, for £74 million. Leisure Pares is expected to retain the bulk of the business's 1,000 employees, although Roy Page, its managing director, has left after his management buyout bid was defeated by Mr Hemmings.

Richard Grasso, NYSE chairman, hoping for a better day for traders around the world Markets on roller-coaster

By ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

INTERNATIONAL stock markets endured a roller-coaster ride yesterworld's financial system to withstand the shocks from Russia and Asia continued to plague investors. A morning rally in New York

early losses prompted by Wall Street's 512-point fall on Monday: opened sharply lower, falling 137 points in early trading, before stag-

The Dow Jones index again ing a remarkable 370-point turnaround to climb 234 points above its

helped European markets reverse

The Dow's wild gyrations were there has been no clear indication repeated in London, where the market traded in a 144-point ra FTSE 100 slumped 174 points in early trading before recovering on the back of Wall Street's rise to close down 80.3 points at 5169.1.

other markets in Europe were also able to cut losses, with shares in France finishing just 0.15 per cent lower, while the Dax in Frankfurt closed down by 0.87 per cent.

Traders said the huge price swings reflected extreme market

nervousness and were sceptical that

opening price as European markets closed. The Dow later settled around 160 points higher at 7699.21.

Wall Street's improvement market a break from the move downwards. Economists are concerned that Wall Street's improvement marked

> from G7 leaders that they are prepared to other stesh help to Russia. Earlier in the day, Tokyo also suffered some sharp market swings before wiping out early losses to record a 1.86 gain. However, market sentiment in the region was further damaged by the decision of Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian Prime Minister, to impose currency controls. The Malaysian stock market

plummeted 13 per cent in response. Leading article, page 17

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BULLS on Wall Street vesterday won a respite from the onslaught by bears as the Dow Jones index reversed some the 512-point plunge that took it to 7.539 on Monday.

However, doom-sayers are far from beaten, with some even predicting that the Dow will fall to 5.000 by the end of this month.

Technically, the New York Stock Exchange dipped into a bear market yesterday for the first time since 1992. The chartists define a bear market as a decline from the market peak of more than 20 per cent. That

point was reached in morning trading when the Dow sank to 7,400, far below the bear mark of 7.469. The market peaked at 9,338 on July 17.

New York bulls win break

Richard Russell, the respected edior of the *word incomy letter*, said: "History suggests that most bear markets wipe out half the gain of the preceding bull market. I am looking

for it to fall now back to 5,000." Mr Russell is a favourite among short-sellers, the money managers that bet on a downturn. These archbears are the most hated figures on Wall Street because their presence spells gloom for the rest of the market. Short-selling funds have been

swamped with money by panicky in-

vestors. So far, however, the mainstream and the legions of small investors are keeping their nerve. cheered on by the market gurus of the big banks, who have the most to lose if the buil puts on his bear skir An aggressive statement by Abby

Cohen, of Goldman Sachs, who still predicts a year-end Dow of 9,300. buoyed the market. She told investors to buy more shares because they are cheap, and raised the equity portion of her ideal portfolio from 65 per cent to 72. She was backed by other bullish gurus, including Doug-las Cliggon, of JP Morgan, who risk seeing their reputations rained along with their employers' profits.

Towering

Abbey in £600,000 charge

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

ABBEY Unit Trust Managers has been forced to pay out nearly £600,000 because of compliance

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the fund managers' regulator, fined the company £150,000 and forced it to pay compensa-tion of £168,000 to more than 7,000 customers.

As well as the fines and the compensation. Abbey has paid more than £272,000 in to the unit trusts affected and has changed its procedures.

Imro imposed the fine because Abbey Unit Trust Managers failed to carry out proper records, did not bank client money on time: did not execute customers' orders on time did not despatch sale proceeds on time; and inadequately handled customers' complaints. The problems related to the company taking on more business than its administration could cope with.

Hydro and Southern Electric merge

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

Southern Electric vesterday surprised the power industry by announcing a £4.9 billion

The deal creates a new powerhouse in the industry, with £1.5 billion at its disposal to expand through acquisition. The newly named Scottish and Southern Energy, which will have 3.3 million customers, is likely to be an aggressive bidder for the power stations of National Power and Power-Gen when the Government forces the generators to sell some of their plant.

The merger is an all-share deal in which no premium will be paid. Shareholders in Southern, the slightly bigger business, will own 55 per cent of the new company. Scottish Hydro's shareholders are to retain their shares while Southern Electric investors will get one new Scottish and Southern Energy share for each

share they own. Hundreds of jobs will go in the merger as the companies close down Southern Electric's headquarters at Maidenhead, Berkshire.

The new company will be based in Perth, Tayside, which is Scottish Hydro's current

SCOTTISH HYDRO and base. The companies said that the decision to base the business in Scotland was an economic one. However, it is understood that the Scottish Office would have raised objections to the deal if the Perth

headquarters had been shut. Both businesses said that they did not fear a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. ScottishPower has already set a precedent for a Scottish generator and pow-er distributor acquiring an English regional electricity company when it bought Man-

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web two years ago. Market share is also not thought to be an issue because the combined group will have only 12 per cent of the UK's generation

The merged company will be headed by Jim Forbes, the chief executive of Southern. Roger Young, chief executive of Scottish Hydro, said that he had already told his-board that he wanted to quit next year. Mr Young will, however, become deputy chairman and is expected to retain a non-

executive role after he sheds his executive duties with the merged board next year.

Mr Forbes said the merger would enable the two businesses to expand rapidly. Both have previously said that they would be interested in buying power stations from National Power and PowerGen under the forced sale programme. Mr Forbes said that there was now a "better chance of doing it than if we hadn't consummated this deal".

Directors of Southern Electric will realise more than £230,000 through the early re-lease of gains from long-term incentive schemes. However, the merger conditions mean that they will realise only enough to cover tax liabilities. The directors have said that they will continue to hold shares in the new business equal to their holding in South-ern until maturity dates.

The merger means that none of the original 12 regional electricity companies in England and Wales is now independently owned. Southern was the last independent company after a failed attempt to merge with National Power and an unsuccessful bid to buy Southern Water.



Jim Forbes, of Southern Electric, and Roger Young, of Scottish Hydro, celebrate their deal

Boeing in shake-up after loss

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

BOEING, the world's biggest aerospace group, is replacing the head of its commercial aircraft division in a management shake-up following the \$2.6 billion loss from produc-

tion problems. Ron Woodard will be replaced by Alan Mulally, currently the head of the defence and space division. The reason given for Mr

Woodard's departure was the discovery of additional losses of several hundred million dollars at a Kansas plant for which he was responsible. He has been offered a more junior position but is still pondering his next move.

Mr Woodard has been blamed for severe logistical problems that caused Boeing to suspend production because of a shortage of manpower and components.Mr Mulally, 53, was responsible for the launch of the 777 airliner.

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Mortgage lending reaches record high

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

MORTGAGE lending hit record levels in July while credit card borrowing remained strong, suggesting that the consumer sector remains buoyant.

A separate manufacturing survey, however, depicted the sector as still mired in recession with output continuing to fall and unemployment rising. Economists said that the offi-

cial figures added little to the immediate interest rate debate and that rates would remain

Slight fall in house prices in August

HOUSE prices fell slightly in August, according to a monthly survey by the Halifax.

But Britain's biggest mortgage lender said the drop did not signal the start of a property reces-

The survey showed that the average price of a home rose by 5.3 per cent over the past year, but in August the market went into reverse and prices

dropped 0.1 per cent com-pared with July.

A spokesman for the Halifax said: "This does not signal the start of a bousing recession but does strengthen our belief that the market is only growing at a moderate rate.

First-time buyers, who have faced prices rising faster than other house buyers, saw prices stay flat

The average price paid by a first-time buyer in August was £52.836, compared with £84.641 paid by people already in the house-owning chain.

The price of newly built homes rose rapidly over the past year, but the apparent price jump was due to a significant fall in pric-

es last year. Halifax is standing by its earlier forecast that annual house price inflation for the last three months of the year will be about 5 per

ther deterioration in the international economic environ-

The futures markets have priced in a quarter-point cut in rates by the end of this year but most economists believe this remains too optimistic and that there will be no fall in

rates until next spring.

Mortgage lending rose by a record £2.6 million in July while new mortgage approvals remained high at 134,000. The Council of Mortgage Lenders, however, insisted that the figures did not point to a surge in housing market activity, but reflected widespread remort-gaging and an easing in sup-

Michael Coogan, director-general of the CML, said: "This surprising lending does not herald the beginning of a boom, but is much more likely to show the housing market bottleneck is now easing."

Overall consumer credit

rose by £1.05 billion, slightly below the £1.2 billion recorded in June. The credit card lending component rose by £400 million pointing to robust spending in the prolonged summer sales. The annual rate of MO, the measure of narrow money supply, also in-creased by a healthy 6.2 per cent in August.

in contrast, the August purchasing managers index showed overall manufacturing output falling to a six-year low with cheap imports increasing-ly reducing domestic sales. Output of consumer goods fell for the first time since 1995. Manufacturers also started to cut back stock levels, a move that will further undermine third-quarter output.

There was also a continued decline in employment levels while prices fell sharply again pointing to further good news on the inflation front. However, the overall index edged up from the six-year low recorded in July providing tentative signs that the pace of decline in the sector has stabilised.



Bunzl buoyant despite slump in selling prices

BY ROBERT COLE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

BUNZL, the packaging distributor, cigarette filter maker and paper manufacturer, has reported that the price of its paper and plastic raw materials has fallen sharply. The falls mean Bunzi's selling

prices are also forced down. But despite the price dellation, Bunzl reported a strong increase in underlying profitability. Although pre-tax profits were flat at £62.8 million, operating profits from continuing businesses were 18 per cent ahead at £66.7 million. The pre-tax result looked worse because Bunzl benefited from an exceptional gain on the disposal of businesses in 1997's comparable figures. .

Total sales rose from £846 million to £953 million. Anthony Habgood, the chairman, said: "This is an excellent set of results reflecting the fundamental strengthening of Bunzi's businesses and achieved despite a strong pound and severe price deflation."

casts. The share price, how-ever, was hit with the stock closing down 8.5p at 228p. Earnings per share, adjust-

ed for the exceptional profits last time, rose II per cent to 9p.
The half-time dividend is increased to 2.5p from 2.3p.

The price at which Bunzl

buys raw paper and plastic fell by more than many analysts expected but the financial

results were in line with fore-

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Eighteen get £45m Singer windfall

By RICHARD MILES BANKING CORRESPONDENT

EIGHTEEN executives with Collins Stewart, the UK stockbroker that is 51 per cent owned by Singer & Friedlander, are to pocket £45 million after exercising their share options.

Singer & Friedlander, an investment banking group, has agreed to buy the shares be-longing to the Collins Siewart management, so gaining total control of the business. The group said that the deal would enhance annual profits by £6.2 million.

John Hodson, chief executive of Singer & Friedlander, said that the group had ded the execuoves into Collins Stewart by making them wait three years before they can take the final tranche of their E45 million windfall.

Profits for the half-year at Collins Stewart rose 82 per cent, contributing greatly to the 9 per cent improvement in er & Friedlander profits to £31.6 million before taxes and exceptional items.

Carnegie, the Swedish brok-ing firm of which Singer & Friedlander owns 55 per cent, recorded a 15 per cent fall in profits after an exceptionally good 1997. Much of the fail related to the strength of ster-ling, which has gained 22 per cent over the Swedish krona since 1995

Although the investment management business put in a good show, profits from sales of retail funds fell, reflecting Singer & Friedlander's deci sion not to launch a new fund in the first half of 1998.

Mr Hodson confirmed that the group intended to sell its capital markets division at net asset value to its management after a series of losses.

Singer & Friedlander also said that it would seek shareholder approval for the right to buy back up to 10 per ceni of its shares, although Mr Hodson said that no decision had been taken as to whether the group would return capital to shareholders.

Earnings per share, excluding exceptional items, jumped 16 per cent, to 7.2p. The inter-im dividend rises from 2.13p to 2.35p and is to be paid on November 2.

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MAYFLOWER took time out of its three-way battle to buy Dennis, the UK bus and coach company, to announce an acquisition in Germany. Mayflower, which is vying for control of Dennis with another UK company. Henleys, is paying £10.4 million for RTA Business, the automotive and exhaust systems division of Roth Technik, a German engineering group. The deal follows last week's £15 million acquisition of 40 per cent stake in US-based bus maker Metrotrans.

John Simpson, Mayflower chief executive, said: "Germany is the dominant automotive manufacturer in Europe and the acquisition of RTA is the perfect way to continue our European expansion." Last month Henleys raised its bid for Dennis to £309 million after Mayflower's £260 million offer.

Perkins profit leap

PERKINS FOODS raised pre-tax profits from £14.1 million to E44.4 million in the six months to June 30, although the result includes a E33.6 million profit on the sale of discontinued operations. Operating profits rose from £7.1 million to £7.5 million on sales down from £342 million to £241 million. Sales on continuing activities rose from £113.6 million to £114 million. The shares fell 5p to 126½p and the dividend remains unchanged at 1.8p a share.

Macro 4 suffers fall

MACRO 4. the independent software company that primarily serves the IBM mainframe market, suffered a fall in pretax profits to £10.06 million from £10.3 million in the year to June 30. Earnings were 33.7p a share (33.8p). The dividend rises to 26.1p a share from 25.2p, with a 15.9p final. The shares fell 25p to 435p yesterday. Ronnie Wilson, the new managing director, is conducting a strategic review after the retirement of Terry Kelly, who had been chairman since 1988.

Heritage rises by 26%

HERITAGE BATHROOMS raised pre-tax profits 26 per cent to £4.8 million on sales up 18 per cent to £22 million. Earnings rose from 14.4p to 18.3p a share, out of which the total dividend for the year rises from 6.4p to 7.8p after payment of a 5p final, up from 4.2p. Gary Lake, the chief executive, said: "The group is in good shape for the future with several initiatives which will provide new profit streams during the coming years." The shares remained unchanged at 210p.

Surge from Finlay

JAMES FINLAY, the food producer, raised pre-tax profits from £2.6 million to £8.6 million in the six months to June 30 on sales that grew from £79.7 million to £117.1 million. Earnings improved from 1.8p to 5.7p out of which the half-year dividend is increased from 1.3p to 2p. The shares rose 1:p to 36p yesterday. Richard Muir, the chairman of James Finlay, said: "The directors are confident of a satisfactory outcome for the

Bright for Eclipse

ECLIPSE BLINDS raised profits before tax by 10 per cent to E3.44 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up 8 per cent to £24 million. Earnings per share rose from 4.06p to 4.95p out of which the half-year dividend rises 10 per cent to 1.32p. Ted Black, chairman, said: "With a good performance in the first half we remain of the view that 1998 will show Eclipse continuing to make progress." The second half of the year is historically the strongest for trading at Eclipse Blinds.

PolyGram sale faces delay

Filmed Entertainment, maker of hits such as Four Weddings and a Funeral, looks like being delayed because major potential bidders will not be ready by the present deadline (Raymond Snoddy writes). Goldman Sachs, the mer-

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THE auction for PolyGram chant bank orchestrating the of the US. EMI cannot submit sale, has set a deadline of September 11 for the submission of binding bids for the company which is being sold off by

> Contenders include EM1. Carlton Communications, Canal Plus of France and MGM

a bid by September II because it does not have a board meeting before that and wants time to formalise its position.

There is also the possibility that Canal Plus may not be in a position to meet the deadline

Falling housing market fails to dent Persimmon

BY RACHEL BRIDGE

PERSIMMON, the UK's third largest housebuilder, shrugged off growing concerns about the state of the housing market yesterday with a 20 per cent rise in half year pre-tax profits to £23.3 million and the news that its sales remained buoyant outside the London area.

Davidson: full of confidence

Duncan Davidson, chairman, said: "Sales have levelled off in the South East in the area immediately around London, but out in the regions in the Midlands, in the North. in Scotland and in Wales our sales are still going very well. We are still finding plenty of buyers for our houses at

good profits.

"We expect the market to remain at these levels throughout the autumn and therefore have confidence in our results for the full year." Shares in the group, which

is increasing hs interim divi-dend from 3.1p to 3.3p, rose by 6.5p to 146p. The average sales price of a Persimmon house increased from £79,969 to £86,685 and profit per unit increased by 23

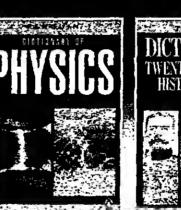
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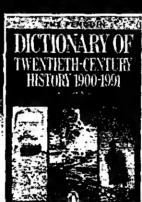
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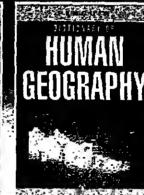
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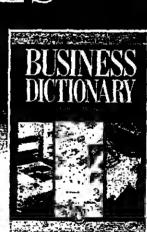
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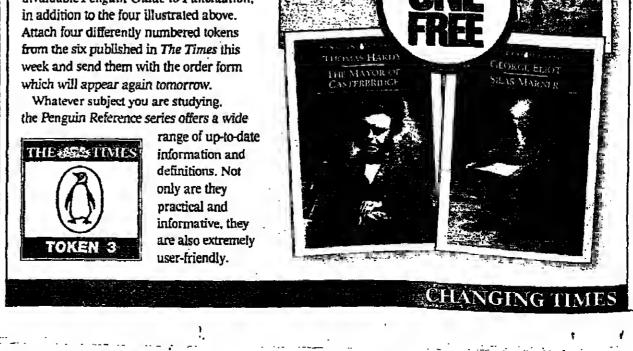
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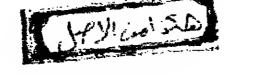
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Barclays. Now there's a bank you can rely on to bank you can rely on to keep up tradition. Shareholders stumped up umpteen hundreds of millions over the past two years to support Martin Taylor's policy of closing down securities operations or getting rid of them at whatever cost. A

smart move in the Far East. Yet now a residual subsidiary. lurking under the discreet name Barclays Capital, has managed to lose a potential £250 million in Russia, mostly in securities. A further £75 million has been provided for against knock-on losses from Russia's insolvency in other

markets, also on securities.
Traders at Barclays Capital had, it seemed, bought high-yield Russian GKOs, hedged the currency and sat back to earn high returns on source in debt high returns on sovereign debt. The idea that the high returns might imply a proportionately high risk of default does not seem to have occurred. Nor did they keep reminding themselves. it seems, that a hedge against the rouble is only as good as the Russian bank that has guaranteed it. In the event, Russia's default has whipped the rug from under high-yield public sector debt securities all round the world.

Mr Taylor is a chastened man. And so he might be. Having tried to refocus Barclays on "lowrisk" domestic retail business, he has discovered what so many outsiders discovered before him. Bankers are infinitely creative in

Banks transmit market plague

finding new ways to lose money. if not in much else.

Even so. Barclays's outsider has undoubtedly stopped shareholders losing nearly as much as shareholders of other banks. Russia was a lightweight interest for most UK banks.

In Tokyo, Paris, Frankfurt and in North America, the progressive westward collapse of one market and one economy after another is exacting a fearful toll on banks. Their losses have become one of the principal routes to transmit recession from country to country and from continent to continent Commodity prices are the oth-

er. Falling Asian demand slashed oil prices and thereby slashed Russia's already tightly stretched foreign exchange earnings. South Africa is now suffering from the ensuing plunge in gold prices. The oil glut hit Vene-zuela and Mexico and is cutting growth across Latin Americas. That means heavy loan losses again for US banks, fear on Wall Street, more share price fails and instant billions of extra bank losses in Japan.

If this is a market correction in North America and Europe, it needs to stop soon. This sum-



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

mer's ructions are nothing like the 1987 crash. That adjustment was the result of financial imbalances that had built up between the principal economies, reflected in an over-strong dollar.

We now face something more serious. The progressive spread of recession from Japan via the financial markets. Those banks trying to recoup their losses on the bear tack are just digging us all into a deeper hole.

Euro trundles on to the brink

The euro, its seems, will face its first critical test before it starts. European central bankers meeting in Frankfurt must have hoped that the single currency would be well set before it met one of those intense financial storms that we all vainly hope will never recur.

danger of early mistakes is frightening. Naturally, protagonists see this as as one more reason to press resolutely ahead while scep-tics urge right-thinking folk to stop before it is too late. Unusual-

ly, Brussels may be right. In loday's el Niño financial markets, you would not like children to see what happens to the lira, peseta or punt if the euro's launch is put off. In this climate, delay means cancellation.

The bankers should still be worried. Without any doubt, the greater Asian crash has shown that the arrangements made for running the euro are both inadequate and inflexible. Unless they are changed, or at least "re-interpreted", euroland could easily turn out to be a pillar of stability

sinking into the mire. Culturally, the ECB lacks the leeway to act pre-emptively in periods of market turmoil. Euroland may then need the pursestrings loosening, even if other signals still point towards inflation. In orthodox banking circles, concerted central bank largess after the 1987 crash is now seen as an emotional, political overreac-

tion. This thinking spells danger.
Imagine the Bank of England
looking at the latest acceleration of growth in the money supply and concluding that interest rates have to go up if inflation is to be kept on target. You may not even have to imagine it.

Unbalanced inflation targets are even more dangerous if they are matched by rules that stop governments from using fiscal measures to compensate. Doubtless, a way would be found round the limit on budget deficits, but probably too late to forestall needless economic damage from a collapse in markets.

Nor should the guardians of the euro scoff at limits on foreign exchange speculation, of the kind being hatched in Asian markets. The trading value of the euro is critical for business in euroland. Treating a strong euro as a status symbol is an easy trap when, in all directions, other currencies are falling. Wim Duisenberg and his ECB colleagues should be prepared to risk a brief upturn in inflation to stop the euro soaring. Sadly, that is an idea most of them are culturally inca-pable of understanding.

Tortoise power wins through

here is something of the tortoise beating the hare about Scottish Hydro's merger with Southern Eelectric. Both companies are now poised to form the UK's third biggest energy business with a combination of generation and supply - and importantly a com-bined financial firepower of £1.5 billion. Imminent forced sales of power stations by National Power and PowerGen could help the new Scottish and Southern Energy to propel itself into a far stronger position than either of

Who would have thought a couple of years ago, when National Power and PowerGen had embarked on their ill-fated race to buy regional companies, when

ScottishPower was embarking on its compulsive buying spree, that the seemingly modest and unambitious Scottish Hydro could manoeuvre to a position to win the power race?

National Power, the once giant generator, will be trimmed along with PowerGen, and is strug-gling to find a strategy to pep up its share price. PowerGen's chief executive Ed Wallis has made it clear he will sell his granny to get approval to buy the regional com-pany he has already forked out for - a situation that leaves him a

hostage to any demands made by Peter Mandelson.

Another advantage of Scottish Hydro's merger is that it is just that: a merger in which no premi-um was paid. Amid rampant uncertainty in the market that could be a very valuable deal.

Boeing going

DISCOVERY of a few hundred million dollars more of losses has finally allowed Boeing to fire the head of its civil aircraft division, which lost \$2.6 billion through production snarl-ups of such breathtaking incompetence that the main production line had to be shut for a month when orders were at a record. For many months, the board has held out against the vulgarity of assigning individual blame. It did not occur to the directors, evidently, that the only alternative was for them all to resign.

Rubicon agrees £207m bid by Applied Power

RUBICON, the electrical engineering group, yesterday revealed it had agreed to a £207 million cash bid from Applied Power, the American tool and equipment manufacturer.

The proposed takeover would mark Applied Power's second acquisition in Britain this year after its purchase of Vero group in June for £115

Under the offer, shareholders in Rubicon will receive 235p in cash for each ordinary share they hold, representing a 47 per cent premium over Rubicon's last trading price on Friday. Preference shareholders will receive 50p in cash. Shareholders are also being offered a guaranteed loan note

as an alternative. Seven Rubicon directors and their families, who are

unanimously recommending the deal, stand to share a cash windfall of £14.9 million in return for their combined 7.2 per cent stake in the company if the takeover is approved by. shareholders.

Tim Wightman, thief executive, said: "Rubicon has been looking at its strategy for becoming a global player in the electronic enclosures marketplace. It recognised that it had to grow faster than it could do organically - it either had to buy something in the States or it had to become part of a larger group. Looking at the oppormnines we felt that this was the most satisfactory one from the point of view of the company and the shareholders."

News of the agreed offer pushed up Rubicon's share price by 41 per cent to 225p.

The agreed bid comes six months after Rubicon announced the disposal of its lead products and specialist castings divisions for £61.7 million in order to wipe out its debt and focus on strengthening its electronic services divi-

Richard Sim, chairman, president and chief executive of Applied Power, said that the acquisition of Rubicon would strengthen its position in the electronic equipment market. He said: Over the last two

years Applied Power has assembled a worldwide custom enclosures business, building upon its existing engineering. manufacturing, quality assur-ance and logistics competen-cies. The acquisition of Rubicon firmly establishes Applied Power as a leading global pro-

vider of custom enclosure systems for electronic equipment. broadens our capabilities in Europe and enhances our credibility with key customers in the telecommunications, highdensity storage, automatic teller machine and computer in-

dustries." City analysts said that Applied Power was paying a full price for Rubicon given the state of the stock market, with the £207 million price tag valuing the company at 13 times the current year's pre-tax fore-cast of E20.2 million. One said: "Three weeks ago

Rubicon could maybe have got 260p or 270p a share but there is so much concern out there you can't really expect much more than the current offer unless someone else comes into

Abbey to extend network

ABBEY NATIONAL is to open branches in a further 20 Safeway stores after a 12-month trial revealed strong demand for banking services from supermarket shoppers (Richard Miles

The expansion, which will create 160 jobs, will complement rather than replace Abbey's 800-strong branch network, said Andrew Pople, managing director of the retail division. Mr Pople said the in-store

branches will provide a range of services, including jointly branded products such as the ABC payment card. He added that the Safeway savings account had attracted in excess of £600 million. "It is not inconceivable that banking services will become part of the core franchise of supermarkets," he

Shell Nigerian oil production 'virtually halted'

By CARL MORTISHED

SHELL is losing up to 800.000 barrels per day of production in Nigeria, where the oil company has been compelled to declare force majeure at both the Forcados and Bonny

A leak at the Forcados terminal on August 22 caused a shutdown for repairs. Meanwhile, sabotage by youths in the vola-tile Nembe district caused a closure at Bonny. Output from Nigeria's two main oil exportmg terminals has virtually ceased. Shell confirmed that it has been losing close to its entire Nigerian production of up to 800,000 barrels per day.

A lengthy stoppage will have serious implications to Nigeria, which depends on oil exports for most of its foreign exchange earnings. Revenues are already suffering as a re-

sult of the collapse in the oil price and production cutbacks agreed by Opec members.

Shares in Cairn, the oil exploration group, fell a further 7 per cent yesterday after the company revealed that mechanical breakdown at an offshore tanker loading facility in India would shut down production for 60 days. Cairn said that 1.1 million

barrels would be lost at the Ravva field for every month the single-buoy mooring facility was out of action. Cairn's share price plunged from 160p last week over concerns that its natural gas strategy in Bangladesh had been underminea by the Government: decision to slow down the award of key licences. Cairn is the operator of the Ravva field with a 22 per cent interest.

London **Bridge** falls

SHARES in London Bridge Software, which supplies the credit risk management industry. fell from £12.12 to 950p yesterday despite a doubling of profits and a promising statement on prospects (George Sivell writes).

Pre-tax profits rose from £953.000 to £2.7 million in the six months to June 30 on sales up from £4.1 million to £8 million. Earnings rose from 2.51p to 6.31p out of which a maiden interim dividend of 1.5p a share will be paid.

Gordon Crawford, the chairman, said: "I anticipate that revenues will grow significantly during the current year."

Henderson Crosthwaite. lion pre-tax profits for the full year and £12.3 million for the following year.

Building on success: Don Godson, left, with Harry Sheridan, finance director of CRH

CRH predicts UK slowdown

By CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

tive of CRH, the building materials group, said he expected a slowdown in the UK market where the company owns Key-line, the builders' merchant. CRH yesterday reported à

31 per cent rise in half-year pre-tax profits to IrE85.2 million (£73 million), mainly due to a doubling in profits from the US and continued strength in the Irish Republic where CRH has a dominant position. Mr Godson was sceptical

DON GODSON, chief execu- struct is 3.5 per ceot growth but I would be surprised if it

was as high as that." Profits from the UK were up from IrEIO million to IrEl3.6 million as Keyline secured a 6 per cent organic sales increase. Mr Godson said that CRH had received offers for the business but was in no mood to sell. There is no pressing need

for cash," he said. CRH is expecting a further 2 per cent decline in the German market while France is begin-

pany was more concerned about Poland where recent investment has put CRH into second position in Polish cement. After a period of strong growth, prices in Poland are beginning to weaken, in part due to lack of export opportuni-

ties to Germany, which previ-ously took 2-3 million tonnes рег усат. Earnings per share rose 27 per cent to Irl6.7p and the interim dividend is up 16 per

BT looks at IBM phone division

From Oliver August IN NEW YORK

British telecom is considering buying IBM's Inter-net and telephone system in a \$4 billion (£2.4 billion) attempt finally to enter the US market as a direct competitor to World-Com and MCI.

IBM is seeking buyers for its Global Network division, which has \$2 billion in annual revenues and handles phone and data services for 30,000

corporate customers. A BT spokesman declined to comment on negotiations with IBM, but said: "We receive prospectuses for companies every day and keep a keen eye

on developments." Analysts suggested that Global Network would be a good fit with BT's Concert, but other telecoms companies, includ-ing Cable & Wireless, may en-

ter the auction. IBM is thought to have ap-proached AT&T, with which BT struck an alliance in July to combat the \$40 billion link-up of WorldCom and MCL The merger gives the new telecoms group a dominant position in the Internet market. World-Com outbid BT to acquire

MCI last year. IBM decided to sell the telecoms division after concluding that it would be too costly to compete with WorldCom-MCI and AT&T. Maintenance on the cable network is thought to cost \$200 million a year. IBM is belatedly adopting streamlining after the recovery of its

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BY DOMINIC WALSH

FIRST LEISURE confirmed yesterday that it has sold the bulk of its resorts division, including Blackpool Tower, to Trevor Hemmings, the former Pontin's boss, for £74 million. The deal does not include Trecco Bay caravan park in South Wales, the division's most profitable busi-

ness, which is being retained. Although the cash consideration is slightly below the net asset value of £77.3 million, Michael Grade, First Leisure's chairman, said he was delighted with the

"If you applied the same exit multiple to Trecco Bay you would get a total value of just over £109 million, which is well ahead of what the market was expecting," he

Mr Hemmings, who is said to have. spent childhood holidays in Blackpool. has completed the deal through Leisure Parcs Limited, a new vehicle in which his family interests have a controlling stake. His backers include Electra Fleming and the Bank of Scotland.

Leisure Parcs is expected to retain the bulk of the business's 1,000 employees, although Roy Page, its managing director, 233%p.

was defeated by Mr Hemmings. In a trading update covering the 16 weeks to August 23, Mr Grade admitted

has left after his management buyout bid

that, while sales from health and fitness clubs were 16 per cent up on a comparable basis, elsewhere there were "no tangible signs of growth". Comparable sales from the family entertainment division were down 3 per cent, while nightclubs and bars were down 2 per cent. Resorts were down il per cent.

The shares, already well down on their June peak of 436%p, shed another 16%p to

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STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK Stock Market Writer

FTSE pulls back from lows as investors hold nerve

CITY investors fought the sort of rearguard action that the England cricket team can only

dream about. Faced with losses of more than 500 points in the Dow Jones industrial average overnight, they faced an uphill struggle when the dealings resumed after the Bank Holiday weekend. But they faced up to the test without even the fainlest sign of panic.

Despite another helter-skelter performance, the London market managed to halve earlier losses and even attract a few bargain-hunters.

In early trading the FTSE 100 index fell 160 points as the market faced up to a mixed performance from the Far ast while anxiously waiting for the resumption of trading in New York. In the event. Wall Street opened on a posi-tive note and despite a turn-around of 374 points held the higher ground

The FTSE 100 index, down 173 at its low point, eventually closed 80.3 lower at 5,169.1 with healthy two-way business lifting the total number of shares traded to 800 million.

The worst losses were seen among second-liners where the FTSE 250 dropped 158.9 to 4,027.3. Among the leaders, Shell rose 103 p to 327p amid claims it was about to merge with Texaco. The story was later denied by Texaco.

GEC was bought for its

defensive qualities as the price rose 24p to 4lop. The super-market chains and general retailers were also bought for their insulation to events on world markets. Asda rose 122p to 1802p and Safeway 54 p to 3144 p as James Capel. the broker, reiterated its "buy" recommendation.

Marks & Spencer rose 20p to 54lp with the help of a "buy" recommendation from Panmure Gordon, the broker, Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, was a buyer of Kingfisher, up 284 p

But there was little support for the likes of Carpetright, off 8p at 236p, and Sears, 112p cheaper at 181p, with Panmure

The £250 million hit suffered by Barclays Bank relating to the collapse of the Russian economy went down like a lead balloon and so too did the share price which ended the session 78p down at £13.37. Barclays is the first of the banks to estimate the cost of its involvement in Russia.



A helter-skelter performance by shares kept traders tense for most of the day. The FTSE closed with losses halved

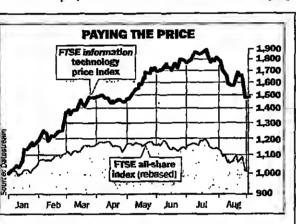
Alliance & Leicester was also hit, falling 83½p to 831½p despite having no exposure whatever to Russia. Others to lose ground included Bank of Scotland, 2812 p to 58212 p. NatWest Bank, 30p to £10.23, and HSBC. 51p to £11.88 in the wake of further losses

ovenight in Hong Kong. There was muled response to news of the proposed £4.87

billion merger between Southern Electric, down 2p at 5582p, and Scottish Hydro. 12p dearer at 564'ap. Dealers said this was mainly because of alack of bid premium.

Elsewhere in the sector, PowerGen rose 172p to 7562p, and Scottish Power 202p to 598p.

The bid approach by Applied Power, the US company.



INFORMATION and technology shares took a drubbing yesterday.

A case in point was London Bridge Software which more than doubled profits but saw the shares plunge 3122p to 900p. There were also losses for Admiral, 120p to 960p, CMG, 132½p to E16.75, Diagonal, 180p to 782½p, Fi Group, 217½p to £14.62½, Druid Group, 222½p to £10.75, ECsoft Group, 20212 p to £13.70. Logica. 2372p to £15.95, MMT, 115p to 797½ p. Misys, 346p to £23.04, and Sage Group. 157½ p to £11.37½.

Roger Philips at Granville Markets, the broker, "Information and technology companies are more highly rated. They are the first to get hit. The highest-rated companies are, in turn, the worst hit and there is evidence that institutions are choosing to

The problem is further exacerbated by the lack of liquidity in many of the stocks such as CMG, which enjoys a prospective ple of about 70, and is currently capitalised at £2.3 billion. Traders quote a price in 2,000 shares at a time. lifted Rubicoo Group 65p to 225p. The terms, worth 235p a share, value the electrical engineer at £207 million.

Still awaiting further news of last week's bid approach, David Brown fell lp to 227 2p. City speculators are pinning their hopes on a healthy premium being paid for the shares by the mystery suitor. At current levels, the engineer is valued at £152 million. Takeover favourite TLG

Group retreated 2p to 1452p after Aberforth Partners sold 3.5 million shares at 13712 p. Cammell Laird dropped

25p to 480p with the shares due to go nil-paid next week after the recent rights issue at 520p. But brokers are confident the shares will continue to find support among institutional shareholders.

The recent rights issue from JJB Sports has not gone down well. The underlying price tumbled a further 382p to 394p yesterday.

News of a bid approach lifted CrestaCare 5p to 35½p. The healthcare provider says the talks could lead to a bid worth 40p a share.

Investors in need of a stiff drink yesterday were plentiful which was appropriate for the start of dealings in Pubs'n'Bars on AIM after the reverse takeover of London Asia Pacific. Shares in the London-based pubs chain were placed at 52p and started life at 55p, a premium of 3p.

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices gave up an early lead to close more than El lower at the longer end of the market as investors began switching into overseas markets. There was also evidence of further profit taking after the recent strong run that has seen bond yields drop to new levels.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long bond fell £0.67 to £111.90 as a total of 54,000 contracts were completed. The short-dated future finished £0.17 off at £105.40 desplte no contracts being completed. Among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2021 shed £1532 at £13558. while in shorts Treasury 7 per at £103-4.

□ NEW YORK: Shares zigzagged in volatile early morning trading before a genera rally gained momentum and shares extended their gains. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 220.65 at 7,759.72.

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TEMPUS

Material difference

THE strength of the Irish economy delivered another set of good results to nerve-racked UK investors yesterday. Not only that, but it was from a company occupying an industry that UK investors may find distinctly malodorous. But mores applicable to British building materials companies do not stick with CRH, based in Dublin. This company's two largest profit centres represent two of the world's most buoyant economies: the United States and the Republic of Ireland.

Pundits have been forecasting the end of the Irish boom for years but it continues, fuelled by low inflation, high levels of investment and a big pool of skilled labour, now enriched by returning emigrants. CRH dominates the market: it is reckoned to have a share of more than 70 per cent of the cement market. So buoyant is the market that CRH even acknowledges some pricing pressure as interlopers try to get some action.

It is only the fringes of the CRH empire that look vulnerable to financial shocks. The Irish company has a 40 per cent interest in the number two cement producer in Poland, and in Argentina, where it owns the leading roof tile maker, so it could be vulnerable to more emerging market whirlwinds.

The London-listed shares have lagged the sector but as recession looms its shares trade at a premium, a fair reflection of the security it offers. The main worry for CRH is of hard economic landings, which will queer its home patch and the US where it enjoys leadership in the North East and the mountain states. These may come but the company has enough fat under the belt to inspire confidence even if the leaves are on the turn. Hold.

Bunzl

THE problem facing holders of Bunzl shares is that the stock is lumped together with paper and packaging companies. As a group, they command little respect from investors. Achieving growth in this iodustry is hard work, the risk of pricing pressure is inherent, and margins can easily be squeezed by raw

material price increases. Some excitement can be mustered with firms where there is the chance that restructuring could enhance prospects. but Bunzl has already been turned around.

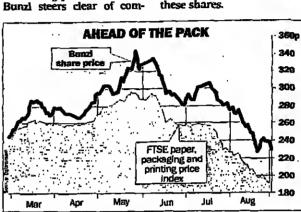
Bunzl is probably the best run paper and packaging company so it is not surprising that it has outperformed its peer group recently. But as the sector has lagged the All-share average, the accolade is rather bollow.

It is better to concentrate

on Bunzl's defensive qualities in these troubled times. Bunzi expends most of its effort delivering packaging products to US supermarkets which use it for wrapping groceries prepared for sale oo site. This is heartening. Food is a staple and this

modity product and can maintain margins. Its ability to raise profits in the face of raw material price deflation is also attractive.

However, Bunzl has not only managed to underperfor the average over the past 12 months, but has also been more volatile. There seems little reason to chase



Persimmon

THE message from Persimmon is clear. Prophets of doom who warn of imminent meltdown in the UK housing market should try looking beyond the overheated South East before writing off the entire sector as a dead loss. In other parts of the country sales and margins continue to flourish

Mostly because Persimmon has just 10 per cent of its sales in the London area. it achieved a 20 per cent rise in profits for the first half. It is for the same reason that it remains confident of growing sales, prices and margins for the remainder of the year.

The focus remains on maximising profits rather something that will reassure those with fears housebuilders will be left high and dry with unsold

On fundamental grounds it is hard to fault Persimmon. Its shares are also cheap,

having fallen by almost half in the past three months to the point where they trade 20 per cent below net asset value and on a prospective p/e ratio of just six times.

kind of food delivery is

increasingly fashionable.

Investors, however, seem to have gone beyond the point at which fundamentals or share price valuation benchmarks have much bearing on the share price. Short term, Persimmon is

unlikely to shine.

S&F

LIKE all banks, Singer & Friedlander's shares have had a good run over the past couple of years, only to be brought down this spring and summer when sentiment towards financial stocks changed radically. But although the performance of S&F shares mirrors that of its bigger peers, the group has precious little in common

with them. Anybody wishing to get to grips with S&F would be well-advised to learn Swedish, because nearly half of its profits derive from Carnegie. That business, despite its American-sounding name, is a leading Scandinavian stockbroker.

Investors could also do with a working knowledge of the sterling/Swedish krona currency exchange because S&F's profits are clearly vulnerable to the strength of the pound.

Given this dependency on

stockbroking - and Swedish

broking at that - it is sensible that S&F now wants to beef up its fund management business where revenues are steadier and, arguably, of a better quality. Yet shareholders may re-

call that S&F has said much the same thing for the past

Until the group makes better progress here - which in itself will be far from easy in these turbulent times — It is hard to find the shares attractive.

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Jestern bankers and investors are furious with the Hong Kong Mone-

tary Authority for daring to med-

de in its own financial markets to

fend off unwelcome speculation.

Without a level playing field, they

argue, investors will simply not

bother with Hong Kong as a desti-

nation for their money in future

and Hong Kong will decline into

It is difficult not to be cynical when the words "level playing

field are deployed. Playground

would be more appropriate. When

bankers complain about the HKMA's determined bear squeeze, which has lifted the Hang

Seng index by 17.6 per cent in a fort-

night, what they are actually say-

mg is that, having enjoyed huge re-turns over the past few years, they

now want a risk-free exit route.

More than that, if they have lost a

bit of money in the last, frothy leg

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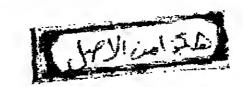
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Many western banks (not just

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economic oblivion as a result,



THE PACE

West winces as the bitten bite back

the shadowy hedge funds that have become the cliched culprit of tabloid headlines) piled into Hong Kong, and elsewhere in Asia, with little more reason than that everyone else was doing the same and that their shareholders would hold them to account if they didn't seek the same high returns, whatever the risk. Very little analysis or thought went into many of these

'investment decisions". When things started to go wrong, banks were guilty, yet again, of a lack of judgment and. despite glaringly obvious warnings from Thailand as early as July last year, stayed in the markets hoping for that extra few percentage points of return.

In the language of the casino. western investors in emerging markets have been nn more astute than the Las Vegas sucker who throws his money around in blind

hope and is then too weak to call it quits even after he has lost his shirt. The ultimate naivery, however, is expecting the casino management nnt to turn the tables and punish such human frailty.

Of course, the reason that inter-

national investors are so flabbergasted by Hong Kong's defence of its markets is that the rules of the international financial markets game have long been stacked in favour of the punter with a wodge of money. The ideology of free markets, tearing down capital controls er misjudgment. Even in a world and opening markets to foreign investment, has taken hold to such a degree that even a temporary and meticulously explained defence of its interests by Hong Kong is regarded as a dangerous step back

into the dark ages. Bankers who argue that the likes of Hong Kong change the rules for international investment

JANET

er misjudgment. Even in a world controlled by the high-rollers, the situation can become so desperate for developing economies that the balance of power changes. The man who has nothing to lose gains a desperate strength.

BUSH

Hong Kong, already deeply wounded by a near 35 per cent drop in its stock market, which has helped to plunge its economy into

resonance in the threat of an international investment strike. It knows that, however willingly it lays its markets open for more damage, investors will not consider Hong Kong to be a candidate for genuine, economy-enhancing investment for a long ome. If the only investment activity on offer is harmful, why not stop it? Mahathir Mohamad, Malay-

sia's Prime Minister, long the scourge of international speculators, yesterday imposed new rules stipulating that foreign investors could continue to buy Malaysian shares, but that they would have to keep their investment in the country for at least a year.

David Carse, deputy chief execu-tive of the HKMA, told a lunchtime audience of bankers in London yesterday that "if anything, the Hong Kong markets have been too free.

a recession, probably finds linle too liable to be expluited by those investors who are not prepared to play the rules of the game".

That remark clearly suggests that developing economies, at least those with some political confidence and leadership, are no longer prepared to accept that there is only one game in fown: the one dominated by the hedge funds and bank treasuries of the West. It is a sentiment likely to find far more

threatening echoes elsewhere. Russia's unilateral debt moratorium and rescheduling could, as Christopher Wood of Santander Investment points nut prove to be a seminat development for the universe of emerging debt. "There is little reason why other Asian governments should not now consider the possibility of following the Russian example, or at least raise their negotiaring leverage by threaten-

It is now, when so many emerging markets have not just peered into the abyss, but fallen in, that the real threat shifts to the developed economies and not just because there could be more debi defaults on the way and many more swingeing losses for banks. Stephen Lewis, of Monument

Derivatives, yesterday highlighted the fact that the knock-on effects of the crisis in emerging markets are serious enough to have forced the Italian central bank to prop up the lira. This is despite the fact that in only four months, the Italian currency is to be subsumed into the euro, a fact that should have given it more than adequate protection. The European Central Bank has for months been confident that the euro is now safe from a full-frontal assault from speculators. Perhaps the lira will get over its current wobble, but has the ECB got a game-plan for tackling a different kind of pre-euro crisis with recession rolling in from the East, mowing down euro-htoc banks as it goes! The hurricane is moving

Herd instinct also rules with the bears

Anatole Kaletsky

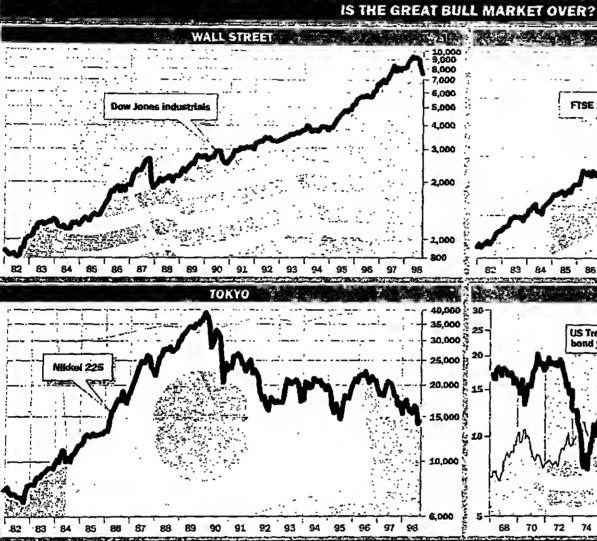
looks at the likely long-term consequences of the latest market upheavals

he long-dreaded bear market in American, British and European shares has finally started. Though Monday's mini-crash on Wall Street was followed by a rebound in Tokyo and only modest declines in London, Frankfurt and Paris, this week's upheaval is likely to have a much bigger and more enduring impact than the "crashette" that occurred in October last year.

At a time like this, investor psychology and trend-following herd behaviour are much more important than the socalled economic fundamentals. And after Monday's plunge, almost every indicator of market trends and investors' mass-psychology monitored by such leading technical analysts as Brian Marber and David Fuller in London. have been screaming "bear

logical factors would not, of course, be conclusive. What now makes the technical warnings worth heeding is that the fundamental condition of the world economy has been pointing to lower share prices at least since the summer of last year, when the Dow Jones industrial average suddenly soared from 7,000 to 8,000, the FISE 100 jumped above 5,000 and other European markets took off even more steeply into the stratosphere. Arguably, in fact, shares had become overvalued even before that, ft was in December 1996, when the Dow was at 6,000, that Alan Greenspan, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board gave warning that investors might be suffering from "irrational exuberance".

In pushing the Dow through 8,000. Wall Street was clearly embarking on a high-risk gamble - and other Western markets were broadly following suit. On average. the shares of large American companies were being valued at 25 times their annual earnings, an extraordinarily high level which had never, in the past, been sustained for long (see bottom right chart). Inves-



psychology prevailed in the tors had several pretexts for their entrances and exits exactpushing prices to these risky levels, above all the expectaly right made handsome profits. But many investors have tion of rising profits and low interest rates. But such arguthemselves ended up as the Bigger Fools. The importance of the Bigments were never likely to sustain these lofty valuations forger Fool theory in fuelling the

both in America and Europe. were valued at much more exotic levels of 60 or 70 times earnings. Such high valuations could not be justified by conventional economic analysis. Their true explanation was speculative psychology. Most investors believed that the market was too expensive, but they also believed that it would become even more expensive before it final crashed. This belief was correct, but it rested on a dangerously arrogant as-sumption known in the markets as the Theory of the Big-

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the leading technology shares.

ger Fool - "I may seem a fool to pay this price, but tomor-row a bigger fool will come along and pay even more".

Those who managed to time

past year's advance in Western stock markets accounts for the suddenness of the current setback and suggests why things are unlikely to get much better before they get even worse. Because of the nature of Monday's collapse on Wall Street - a very steep and sudden fall in the last hour of trading - there must be many frustrated sellers who missed their chance to take profits out of the market. Since many investors now believe in their hearts that the market is unlikely to hit new highs, every market rally will be used as an opportunity to sell out.

Instead of the slogan that sustained the bull market through every correction -"buy on dips" - the new bearish catchphrase will be "sell on rallies". An ominously similar

days immediately before the great Wall Street crashes of 1987 and 1929, when every attempt by the markets 10 rise hit a wall of selling until the cathartic climax wiped out most . investors' profits in a single day. This does not mean that the present bear market will produce a drama comparable to the one-day collapse on Black Monday Jalthough such a climax remains a distinct.

possibility). ut whether the bear market proves short and vicious or a long, grinding affair, the total fall in American and European equity prices is likely to be at least comparable to the 35 per cent lost in 1987. One simple way at arriving at this conclusion is a back of the envelope calculation on share val-

uations and corporate profits. Assume for the moment that the economic damage done by a bear market would not lead to anything worse than a year

of unchanged corporate profits. For US equines to become reasonably cheap, the priceearnings rado on the Standard & Poor's 500, the most important index of US big company shares, would have to fall to well below 20. Last Friday this ratio, was 26. Assuming no increase in earnings from the past year to the next one. share prices would have to fall by 23 per cent from Friday's level to reduce the PE ratio to 20. That would mean 6,200 on the Dow and imply a total peak-to-trough fall of 33 per

cent, similar to 1987. A fall like this would bring prices back to about the level of early 1997. from which the latest and wildest phase of the great bull market was launched. European markets, would probably suffer similar losses

Whar would be the economic consequences of such a moderate bear market? The loss of wealth would obviously reduce demand by diminishing savings, reducing loan collateral and by undermining consumer and business confidence. But, unlike Tokyo in uity bear market initially push-1989 and Wall Street in 1029. speculative stock market gains haven" of real estate. have not been used extensively as collateral for consumer or

Price/Earnings Ratio (LHS)

husiness loans, even in America. This suggests that a credit implosion is unlikely unless the bear market in equities triggers a crash in property values. Only in that case would collateral be really hit, threatening a Japanese-style credit implosion.

A sharp fall in equity prices would also disrupt other financial markets. But these secondary effects will cut both ways. On the positive side, interest rates would obviously be lower than otherwise. On the negative side, there could be some damaging spillover into property prices, especially in cities such as London, with large financial sectors. But whether the falling demand from financial tenants and their employees overwhelms the benefits of lower interest rates remains to be seen. The experience of the

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es more money into the "safe A more serious source of fi-

nancial disruption could be through exchange rates. The key question is whether the dollar and the pound would crash alongside world equity markets. Consumers and companies in Britain and America

are most reliant on equity savings and financing. These are also the two economics most dependent on financial services. Thus both the dollar and pound are likely to face downward pressure if stock mar-

kers continue to fall. There is, however, a big diffurence between the two. If the dollar fell sharply alongside Wall Street, the impact on the world economy could be very damaging, since a lower dni-lar would further depress the two major economies which are already suffering from the weakest domesuc demand -Japan and Germany, Neither of these countries would be able or willing to fill the void in world demand created if a weak dollar choked off America's appetite for foreign goods.

the result of a dollar devaluation, com-bined with a setback in world markets. would be to maximise the pressures on the world economy's weakest points. For this very reason, the new European Centrai Bank would probably do its utmost to prevent the mark and the euro from rising too sharply against the dollar in the event of a serious bear market - if necessary by cutting interest rates more aggressively than the US Fed.

The pound, by contrast, would not be underpinned in this way. Far from supporting sterling, the ECB would be indifferent, while the Bank of England would probably welcome a weaker pound in the potentially defladonary environment created by a stock market crash. In this sense the bear market could actually prove a blessing in disguise for Britain's manufacturers and exporters, provided neither the fall in equities nor the fall in the pound goes too far. Those are, of course, crucial provisos but at present they seem likely to be fulfilled.

Tower power

THE new owner of Blackpool Tower. Trevor Hemmings, is surprisingly shy of the press considering how often he does high-profile - and largely successful - deals. The Sunday Times annual survey of the wealthiest in the land would have us believe that he is worth £315 million, making him Britain's 65th richest person. His E74 million acquisition of First

Leisure's resorts division yesterday is just the latest in a long line of deals that have hit the headlines, and a



Blackpool: unlikely to be the last resort for Trevor Hemmings

spokesman hinted that he might take a look at the London Dungeon, over which Vardon has just hoisted a "for sale" sign. His biggest coup must still be persuading Scottish & Newcastle to part with £80 million for Pontin's. just three years after he led a buyout from Bass for a mere ES7 million. But Eric Kilby, his right-hand man

for the past decade and the person responsible for the latest deal, is adamant that Hemmings is no Barclay brothers-style recluse. "It's not that he doesn't want to talk to people," says Kilby. "He's just a very busy guy and prefers to delegate to the people who are actually going to be running the businesses."

IT was refreshing to hear the Hong Kong Monetary Authority finally owning up to holding a near 9 per cent stake in HSBC Holdings, the biggest company under its scrutiny. But now that it has a notifiable stake, will HKMA disclose each and every buy or sell like o good shareholder should?

Palace coup

THE threal of a writ from the Duke of Marlborough has failed to intimidate the company that has registered the blenheim-palace.co.uk Internet many more does he want?" he asked.



address. Last week, as devotees of City Diary will recall, it emerged that a certain Geoffrey Pidoux, owner of Amicus Research & Management, faced legal action over what the Duke daimed was an attempt to trade off his good name.

But Pidoux, who lives less than a mile from the palace, phoned me yesterday to defend himself, decrying what he described as His Grace's "bully-boy tacties". He explained: 'My intention is to sell beautiful limited-editioo prints of Blenheim Palace and the grounds. Given what I'm planning to do and where I live, this is a logical trading address."

According to Pidoux, who can expect a writ this week, the Duke has already registered four other Internet addresses, all of them incorporating the Blenheim Palace name. "How

Theme pubs AIM newcomer Pubs 'n' Bars made

an understandably muted debut after its reverse takeover of London Asia Pacific yesterday - its shares rose just 3p from its 52p placing price but its bullish expansion plans remain undiluted. For the time being it has just four pubs, yet its directors plan to have at least 100 within 12 months en route to a full listing and it carinot be long before it snaps up Real Leisure, a related company with 31 pubs. But I am reassured to learn that it has no intention of joining the themed concept stampede. "Our theme is earnings," says chairman Graham Jackson neatly.

Don't call us...

ITS a cruel world. A survey of Britain's bosses shows that job candidates can be kept chatting for over an hour by interviewers, even when it's obvious from the moment they walk through the door that they're unsuitable. Only 16 per cent of bosses will actually break the news to their quivering victims while they're still in the room, with just I per cent admitting to an "on yer bike" approach.

Particularly spineless interviewers will simply use euphemisms such as "I've a meeong to anend" or "I've got several more candidates to see". My own technique would probably be closest to those who fundermine the candidate by asking particularly diffi-

cult and searching questions". Only joking. I've always been spineless.

NEWS reaches me that a certoin Chris Herbert is to join 300 other cvclists in attempting to cycle from London to Poris in four days to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. But this is not, I um told, the Chris Herbert who dreamt up the Spice Girls. Rather more mundanely, he is director of markening at Direct Line Financial Services. He says the closest he has ever come to the group is his 12-year-old son's Posh Spice doll. The less said about that the better.

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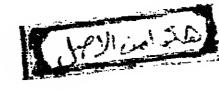
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FESTIVAL FEVER: Theatre and concerts from Edinburgh, while London's Prommers get Elgar and a Salonen premiere

Family business before pleasure

hichever comedi-an philosopher said men spend struggling to get out of the womb, and the rest of their lives desperate to get back in, must surely have been round to tea at Eugene O'Neill's house. For this startlingly candid unfinished work from the randy old bull of American dramatic leners drags us through a familiar familial mire of self-destructive powerplays and wildly contrary mood swings, as corrupted idealist Simon becomes the pivot on which hang the passions of the two women in his

For, to coin another cliche, behind every great man there's an even greater woman. But how often do you get the complete package of mother, wife and whore all rolled into one? Which is why mother Deborah and wife Sara tear verbal chunks out of each other in a highly charged eternal Oedipal triangle.

Rather than lumber what

temporary music took over for

a weekend devoted to Pierre

Boulez. The wait was well worthwhile, for the series

closed with the premiere of the

composer's dazzling new Sur Incises. Some events may have

raised question marks over

how Boulez will be remem-

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celebration of a great figure

who has enjoyed close links with the Edinburgh Festival

Artist, activist, anarchist:

Boulez has been all these

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ing music may be destined to

have less effect than his icono-

clastic views. Yet just as Sur In-

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has mellowed, the man who

once advocated burning down

for half a century.

aving been sidelined during most of this year's Festival, con-

some might say is a textually overloaded work with creaking realism, the Flemish whizz-kid director Ivo van Hove has, in his production for New York Theatre Workshop, opted for a formal ex-pressionism. Each act begins and ends with the cast of six lining up to take the tiniest, barely discernible of bows, both to the audience and to each other, before launching into things. It is a protocol that acknowledges the artifice of what follows, an extreme series of stage configurations, ablaze with symbolism, that at times looks like the last word in forced-grin family portraiture, and at others like a battle-

The three central performances here are simply astonishing for sheer versatility and poise, as Joan MacIntosh's Deborah, Jenny Bacon's Sara and Tim Hopper's Simon swoop through the entire emooonal range, often in the one sentence, while role-playing



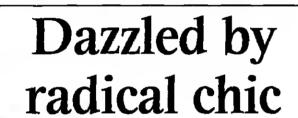
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take with a writer who has become such a sacred cow in his homeland. Not that van Hove has taken too many liberties, for in the main his ideas liberate the text rather than swamp

As Simon turns business into pleasure (and pleasure into business), for instance, by hiring Sara as his secretary, it not only mirrors the encroaching ruthlessness of 20th-centuand fantasising. This is a huge ry capitalism, but produces risk for American actors to one of the most breathlessty dynamic scenes in the play by way of frenzied, fast-track sex between Sara and Simon that artempts to capture something long since lost, but ends up as one more battle royal. It also suggests, chicken and egg fash-ion, that a successful professional life makes for a messedup emotional one, and vice versa. Where Sara wants love she finds only need and greed.

If anything jars in More Stately Mansions it is its length, and at times you feel more than a little grateful that O'Neill never got round to finishing it. But then, with a final primal scream, the original cry for help, some kind of rebirthing takes place as Si-mon becomes the full-on mama's boy he has always been. And, as with any infant craving for the breast, anyone's will do. This post-Laingpsychological approach may be way too counter-culture for O'Neill purists, but it is still a thrillingly visceral

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for flexibility if symphony ormitted that composers should be obsessed less with tonality versus non-tonality than with developing an awareness of how much "chaos" in sound the listener can grasp. As if to illustrate this point,

opera houses threw no verbal Sur Incises is immediately hand grenades while giving gratifying to the ear, full of rhythmic vitality, harmonic feeling and a vivid sense of colthe University Festival Lec-Indeed, his vision for the fuour. Perhaps this performance ture of the concert hall is a libshould be described as "the lateral one which acknowledges est premiere", for the work is that the relationship between music and audiences has an example of Boulez's habit of expanding pieces: the origichanged. Basing his lecture on nal material comes from Incisexperience of Paris's Cité de la es for solo piano and had been Musique, the one-time bogeyelaborated before. Here three man of modern music spoke of pianists are joined by a chimbreaking down psychological ing ensemble of three harps. barriers and bureaucracy "so two vibraphones, marimba, that people will have no fear". timpani, steel drums and Offering no startling insights bells. The 40-minute work is but a measure of self-deprecatby turns effervescent and tening humour, he was more re-vealing in replies to the audider, and received a breathtaking performance by the Enence: he insisted on the need semble Intercontemporain un-

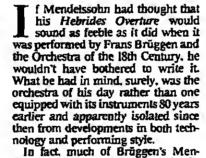
der their musical director, David Robertson. Sur Incises is worlds apart

from the massive Pli selon pli, given by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Another of Boulez's evolving compositions, it has its origins in Mallarmé settings of the 1950s, and its title, Fold upon portrait of the poet. But the score says more about the early Boulez: in spite of arresting effects from lonely emptiness to wild exuberance, it is the kind of highly intellectual music that can seem to lack a living heart. Almost every member of the huge orchestra be-comes a soloist, and this performance was a brilliant achievement. It helped that the soprano Valdine Anderson can make the most unforgiving music sound beauoful, and that Martyn Brabbins conducted with such fluency.

Boulez himself conducted the Ensemble Intercontemporain, the ensemble he founded 20 years ago, in a richly rewarding concert of his own works and the kind of modernist masterpieces by Schoenberg, Stravinsky and Varėse that inspired him. The composer's own Improvisations sur Mallarmé I & II. ravishingly

sung by the bright yet rich soprano of Laura Aikin, made more impact than his Dérives 18 II, which lack the timeless genius of Ligeti's Chamber Concerto that followed. But in the closing concert, even a marvellously warm account of Carter's recent Clarinet Concerto (with Alain Damiens) and the British premiere of Philippe Manoury's Fragments pour un portrait, a fascinating play on sounds that might have made more impact at less length, showed that Boulez remains perhaps the most truly radical voice in music today.

JOHN ALLISON



delssohn concert was an exercise in self-defeat. like taking a wooden racket to modern Wimbledon. The anomaly was neatly illustrated when Thomas Zehetmair came on to play the Violin Concerto with a chinrest attached to bis instrument - an exceptionally useful item which not only a soloist but also the orchestral violins (and violas) could have had in Mendelssohn's lifetime. One can almost imagine the time-warped instrumentalists of the Orchestra of the 18th Century asking him afterwards where he got it from.

Your resistance to change is showing

They might have asked the soloist Orch of the 18th about vibrato too. Century/Brüggen Although Zehetmair's use of that Usher Hall

technique was more extravagant than the stylistic authorides of the day would have allowed, oo violinist contemporary of the composer would have approached the sustained melodic lines of the Concerto in E minor with as grudgingly little vibrato as the orchestra applied to Mendelssohn's scoring throughout this particular concert. It is true that, after the interval. the 18-century wind instruments were

effective in lightening the texture of

ny, but it is a work that also needs to have weight in reserve for one or two crucial points in the construction.

When they came to Rameau, who died more than 80 years before Mendelssohn and in another country, Brüggen and his colleagues were closer to their natural element. There was no doubt of their extraordinary accomplishment on their period instruments even in the first of their two concerts in the Usher Hall but here, in music written for the kind of sound they most naturally make, it was put to much more

positive use. If the suite from Rameau's opera Nais could have been more purposefully put together it could scarcely have been more attractively or more stylishly played. Nor. since Rameau was writing for precise-Iv this kind of ensemble, was it lacking

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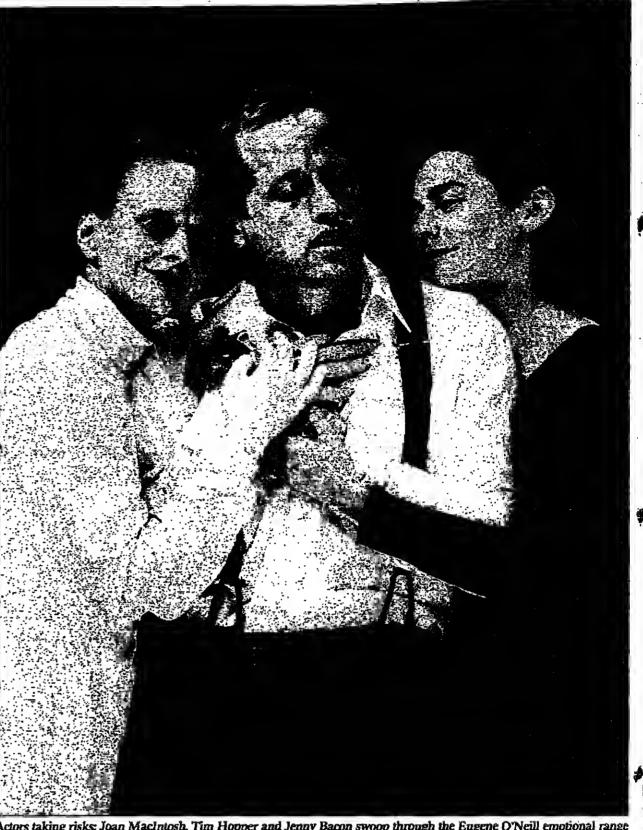
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in expressive emphasis. It was another indication of their skill that, with much the same equipment, they found a different kind of sound for Beethoven's Eroica Symphony. Although that work was written only 30 years before Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony. it might well have been played on instruments such as these - including the natural borns which had such a testing time in the third movement. As an interpretation of one of the most dramatically inspired of all symphonies, however, it was disappointing - partly because we are used to a bigger sound, no doubt, but also because of Brüggen's all too relaxed approach to it.

GERALD LARNER



Opens Tomorrow from 3 September Racine's great tragedy **David Bradley** Holly de Jong Avril Elgar Julian Glover Barbara Jefford Diana Rigg Joanna Roth Toby Stephens Direction Jonathan Kent María Björnson Protestivo in suspectation with the Januaria statement and Fouristics, and Applicated Explaints Albery Theatre St Martin's Lane, London WCN2 4AH 0171 369 1740 & 0171 344 4444

Redeemed by a heavenly choir Tribute to LA

ust a fortnight after their latest successful perform-ance of the completed Third Symphony of Elgar, the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Andrew Davis on Sunday night brought The Apostles to the Proms for the first time. Inaugurating a three-year project to perform the three great Elgar oratorios - all of which he managed to finish

The Apostles Albert Hall/Radio 3

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unaided - Sunday's concert raised the question always asked: just how well does The Apostles compare with Gerontius and The Kingdom?

Elgar's friend Jaeger (aka Nimrod) opined that it was "even more wonderful than Gerontius", but received opinion these days has it that for all its incidental glories. The Apostles does not sustain the same level of inspiration as the other two masterpieces. Davis's account did nothing to reverse that judgment; indeed, for an alarming stretch of time it resolutely refused to catch

Before the interval, the solo singing was competent rather impeccably stylish,



Andrew Davis, who gave The Apostles its Proms premiere

though the use of operatic voices — Thomas Randle (John). Anthony Michaels-Moore (Jesus), Steven Page (Peter) and John Tomlinson (Judas) -may have been a contributory factor. Tomlinson's Judas was the most interesting portrayal. in this connection. That character's comments such as "He

poureth contempt upon princes" are marked "parlando" in the score, and Tomlinson's communicative skills - for a moment he seemed to adopt the buttonholing persona of a character in a Wagner opera - were deployed here to fascinating effect. Perhaps not inappropriately either: Elgar was

delighted to receive the complete prose works of Wagner for Christmas immediately before starting serious work on The Apostles.

But ulomately, the Elgarian style calls for something rather more refined and fastidious. Catherine Wyn-Rogers struck the right note with her portray-al of Mary Magdalene: full-toned but pliable of line, she made an eloquent case for another of the "outsider" characters over which Elgar expressed greatest concern. Felicity Lott was an equally sympathetic Blessed Virgin land An-gel Gabriel), and once Michaels-Moore got into his stride, he sang securely, without quite convincing one that he was born for the role. Randle and Page similarly warmed to their parts as the

work progressed. The starring role, however, was taken by the BBC Symphony Chorus, whose chorusmasier, Stephen Jackson, had prepared them to negotiate everything from the most finely nuanced pianissimo to the most stirring, full-throated affirmation. Both they and Davis came into their own in the work's thrilling peroration. all the more impressive for growing organically out of what came before.

> BARRY MILLINGTON

he Los Angeles Philhar-monic is back in town - and it rarely optoes in. This time the orchestra came bearing an exuberant new work by its music director Esa-Pekka Salonen. So dynam-

ic is this Finn's conducting career that it is easy to overlook the fact that Salonen originally switched from horn-playing to conducting only to give himself more time to compose. L.A. Variations, receiving its UK premiere at the Proms, is a

20-minute tribute to the cultural melting-pot which is the city, and to the band of virtuoso musicians which is its orchestra. There is more than a nod, too, to Lutoslawski and to Sibelius in a work whose confident assimilation of our century's Babel-tower of musical languages never masks a voice which is powerfully and dis-

tinctively Salonen's own.
It's hard to pin down quite what that is. But the ear picks up at once on that characteristic fusion of rigorous structuring and free poeoc fancy: on the thrillingly imaginative use of the orchestral palette, here dark with bass woodwind, pungent with tam-tams, marimba and vibraphone; and on the assured progress of ideas.

The variations are based on two chords. They may splinter into snatches of modal, folklike melody, or cohere in chorale; their component parts

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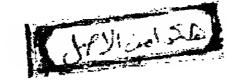
may chase each other in canon, or cluster in a huge inbreath of stasis as they become one vast, reverberant chord. The music is propelled by epi-sodes of machine-like rhythm. and by percussion "mantras" which rev up to a coda in which the two chords finally disperse in muted cellos and violins, and a single piccolo cry.

Having filled its transportadon trucks to bursting point with the instruments required for this, Salonen's most extensive orchestral work to date, the LA Philharmonic flanked the new work with Copland's El salon Mexico and, finally. with Stravinsky's complete bal-

let music for The Firebird. This was a performance clearly prepared with a composer's ear - working from the deep inside of the score outwards - and realised with the silky sophistication and swagger which is now this orchestra's hallmark. At 10 o'clock it was as if the players had just begun: they swung into Pro-kofiev's Death of Tybalt as an encore as if they were eager to take on the complete Romeo

and Juliet too.

HILARY FINCH



Digging promised land

THEATRE: Between saving the Old Vic and sampling the Hollywood lifestyle, what is Stephen Daldry up to? James Christopher finds out

o paid-up snipers, Stephen Daldry is the Jeffrey Archer of theatre. An opportunist who made a mint out of a string of flashy hits followed by a high poliocal profile that peaked when he cut a £23 million lottery deal to rebuild the Royal Court. His, however, is not a career to be dismissed

Though he trained as a clown, there is nothing clownish about making money out of an art form that has the security of the Russian stock market. Nor can it be pul down to sheer luck that his promotion of writers, directors and designers, starting with

Dorfman Death and the Maiden) and ending with Mark Ravenhill (Shop-ping), has found the audience that most theatres fail to

There is also the small matter of his own work. He has recently recast and redirected the longest running show to transfer from the National Theatre,

Priestley's An Inspector Calls. And though he has handed over artistic con-trol of the Royal Court to Ian Rickson, ostensibly to cultivate a film career with Working TItle, he is committed to the tortuous rebuilding of the Court's

home in Sloane Square.

To his admirers Daldry is a hyperactive bubble of charm, brains and balls. The most recent dramatic example of his entrepreneurial chutzpah has been the much-publicised saving of the Old Vic from the ig- move in, not just to tran nominy of being turned into a theme park or, worse, a lapdancing emporium:

Together with Sally Green, the owner of the Criterion, and Alex Bernstein, Daldry set up a charitable trust and persuaded the Culture Secretary Chris Smith to broker a deal with Ed Mirvish to buy the theatre outright for balf the asking price

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of £7 million. "What this means," says Daldry, toasting his lungs on an endless chain of Benson and Hedges, "is that the trust has taken it out of the commercial field. The Old Vic now has a choice about charging rent. So long as the trust does not have a huge administrative overload, the building can run itself with the money it makes through the rehearsal rooms.

It means that subsidised companies who want to expand into the West End don't have to pay commercial rent to use it. Even better, they can generate their own income.

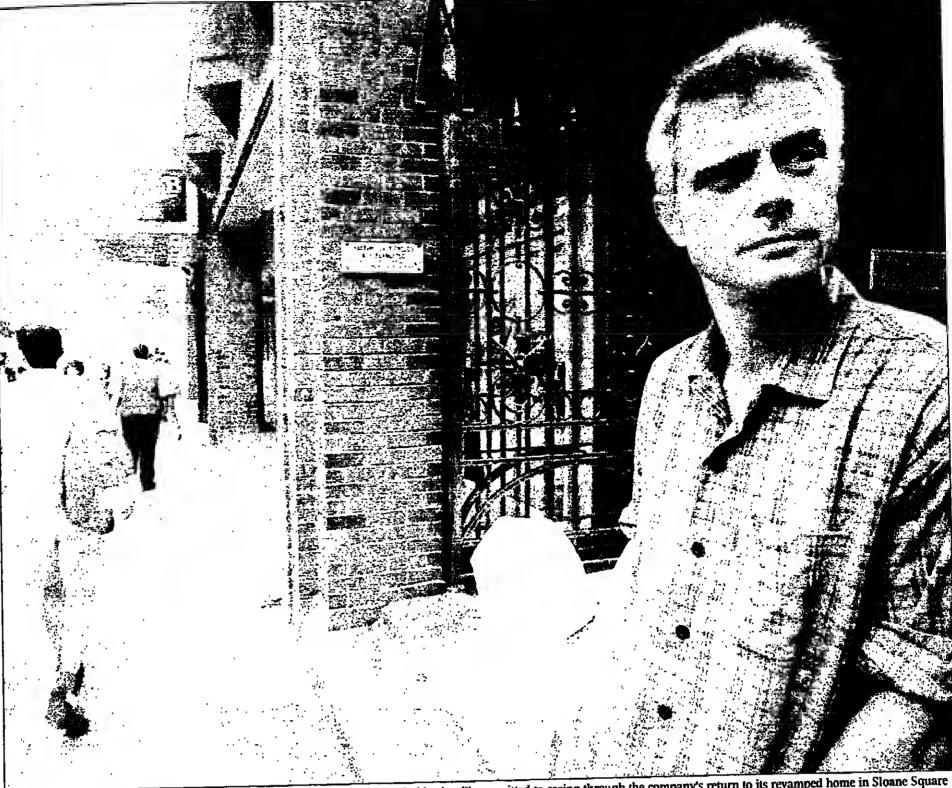
It seems a startlingly simple mechanism, the first of its kind in the West End. Exactly how robust this equation is will become apparent when Peter Hall's production of Amadeus with David Suchet opens there on October 21. It was Hall's floundering season at the Old Vic that prompted Mirvish to put the theatre on the market in the first place. Hall's highly pubbcised spat with producer Bill Kenwright over the production of Amadeus, fuelled by

Hall's present ailing season at the Piccadilly. will Why do mean that the critical and financial health of the charifor the table trust will be scope come Christsake of There is more than a suspidoing cion that Daldry sees trusts like his as a possible blueplays? print for the fu-

> The West End wasteland has changed forever over the last two years." says Daldry. "It's been littered with bollocks like Sex Vixens on Parade purely because of the pressure to keep the theatres open. Why? Because the West End needs to keep making money to pay the costs of people who aren't doing the work. The tail is bizarrely wag-ging the dog." The cure, Daldry prophesies, is to enable more subsidised companies to shows but to create shows for those spaces.

ot content with saving buildings, rethinking the econo-End, and producing his first feature film for Stephen Daldry Pictures - his independent subsidiary, bankrolled by Working Title — Daldry is about to direct David Hare in Hare's new one-man show, Via Dolorosa, at the Duke of York's. This is a singularly rare event, not only because Hare has never acted on stage before, but because Daldry has not directed a new mainstage play since The Editing Process in 1994.

When he dramatically handed in his notice at the Court



Although he has handed over artistic control of the Royal Court, Stephen Daldry is still committed to seeing through the company's return to its revamped home in Sloane Square

last year, there were rumours that he had lost his bottle, that he was sick of running a thea-tre. His last show, Caryl Churchill's *This* is a *Cha*ir in June last year, was a significant but small-scale success: a 30-minute series of sketches

which played just four nights. "Yes, there's a truth in that." Daldry says carefully about the dearth of directing credits. But why do plays just for the sake of doing plays? Because I'm supposed to be a director? It doesn't seem a good enough reason. I need to feel that I can inject something that is unique and personal to me. Yes, you read scripts that you think you can bring something to, but then actually Howard Davies could probably do it just as well if not better, so get

Howard to do it." It was globetrotting that brought Hare and Daldry to-gether. Daldry and Elyse Dodgson, the head of the international department at the Royal Court, have been nurturing playwriting networks in places like Uganda and Israel for years. Daldry is endlessly fascinated by the latter. "I holiday there a lot. Not the seaside stuff, it's the weird, odd as-

pects I'm drawn to. "The land of Judaea and Sa-

maria is phenomenal. You pick up hitch-hikers and find they're using the Bible as their tour guide. But it's a country in turmoil, bitterly divided by the internal argument of whether it is a secular, multicultural state or a tribe on a biblical mission.

"We asked David Hare to do a trip and see what he might come up with. He'd been asked before by organisations like Friends of Israel but resisted. Eventually he accepted our offer because he's reached a point where he wants to explore spirituality." This is not the first time

Hare has explored spiritual matters. Arguably his greatest play, Racing Demon, exposed the vacuum at the heart of the Church of England and the power struggle between politically motivated liberals and religiously fervid charismatics. Denied access to a text, it is impossible to say how Via Dolor-osa will unfold. The only certainty is that it will be a terrifying ordeal for Hare. Why didn't Daldry ask

someone sensible like lan Holm, to do it? "Certainly not," he shouts, "I want to hear what David Hare has to say and I don't want it filtered through another actor."

groundlings.
At first they tried, as if from

a sense of audience duty, but

even one person walking in

late obliterated at least 20

notes of the exquisite harmo-

nies created by Henry Pur-

cell's teacher, John Blow. And

on stage, loo, the little one-

The concept seems wildly divorced from Daldry's signa-ture productions which made a virtue of spectacular sets: the cobbled streets and pouring rain in An Inspector Calls: the way he gutted the Royal Court stalls to install Arnold Wesker's The Kitchen; the sofa suspended 20ft in the air for Machinal; and the huge metal cage he constructed for Rat in

aldry ponders the a series of flats, characters, conflict and three or five-act structures, or can it be something else? For a variety of reasons public politics aren't that fashionable any more. Doug Lucie can write a play (The Shallow End) about Murdoch, but it's not going to attract a large audience, ever. The play that sells out is Conor Macpherson's ghost story. The Weir. The Weir is very beautiful but

it's also very private. "So how do we get public debate back when people feel the debates they want to have are with themselves? In that context it seems enorely appropriate that David and I should engage with a public issue through a private journey

which he himself wants to express. Having said that, it's a very exposing situation to put himself in." A situation, Daldry admits.

he would never dream of purting himself in. Not that he has the time. The film career that he left the Court for is, to the surprise of many who thought it was a phantom ploy to escape the pressures of the Court about to take off. When he is not directing Hare, he is furiously writing an original screenplay with David Lan and Agnieszka Holland about traumatised children at the end of the Second World War. "It's by far the hardest thing I've ever done," he says. "It is

unspeakably difficult." Little is known about the nuts and bolts of Daldry's deal with Working Title, except that he has the same artisoc freedom and contractual opoons as Jodie Foster and Tim Robbins — if not the same money. What about the lifestyle? "I was never into the idea of sitting beside a swim-ming pool in Bel Air," says Daldry. "It's another world but not one I want to engage in just for the sake of it."

Via Dolorosa opens at the Duke of York's (0171-565 5000) on Sep-

to "read" the full vocabulary of musical figures and symbols with which Blow manipu-

lated his audience's emotions.

But the recorders which sere-

naded the billing and cooing

of Venus and Adonis, and the

barking violins and thrum-

ming guitars which set off the

fatal hunt, were robust stage

sighing through the first vow-

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bass chorus, found eloquent

There will be one further

HILARY FINCH

performance, on September

authenocity at last.

And Venus's final lament,

managers.

Occupation: Singer, dancer, actress, primary school pupil.

Age: 10.

Not stage school? No. she goes to St Cuthbert Main in Hemel Hem stead, has never had a singing lesson - and has won the star part in Annie in the new West End production opening at the Victoria Palace at the end of this month.

How did that happen? She's aiready a veteran. This is her third Annie. although the other two were non-professional. She simply auditioned - along with 1,500 other

Charm factor: a) Appearance: cute, with red curls. b) Manner: absolutely natural, not a hint of spoiling.

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

CHARLENE BARTON

No pushy stage mother? No. Mother is deputy head of an-

other local school and doesn't allow interviews in term-time. The voice: She'll belt out Tomorrow on request without em-

barrassment in strong, clear, American-accented tones. It's as normal to her as making conversation. Her innate ability was discovered when an opera-singing friend of her mother was practising and couldn't understand where the echo was coming from. It was two-year-old Charlene in her cot in the

Other talents: She plays the recorder, double-bass, violin, tin whistle ("It's Irish and my family's Irish") and has taught berself keyboard.

Ambitions: "I like learning. I want to go to university. I'd like to play the girl in Les Misérables."

Preparation for the West End: About six hours a day are spent in rehearsal. She has learnt exercises and tongue twisters, been fitted for a wig and costumes but has no anxieties about performance because "when I play the part, I forget about me. As soon as I step off the stage, I'm me again."

Any theatrical heroines? No, but she's thrilled to be acting alongside Lesley Joseph, who plays the cruel Miss Hannigan. She's seen her in Birds of a Feather on television.

HEATHER NEILL

Good lip-smacking fun

ot getting a grant from what is left of the Arts Council is rapidly becoming a mark of distinction. The process by which the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company didn't get one was revealed in a recent television documentary, and singularly depressing it was too. Much is made of it in a splendidly combative joint programme note by the company chairman, Sir Michael Bishop, and Raymond Gubbay, who is present-ing this week's run of The Mikado on the South Bank. Stone-throwing in the general direction of Great Peter Street is recommended, frightfully un-English and not meant seriously, of course; more important, the D'Oylys bullishly promise a pair of national tours starting next March. You have to admire their forti-

There was plenty to admire at Monday's first night, too. And not just the inclusion of some mythical "head of Covent Garden" in Ko-Ko's little list along with owners of rogue mobile telephones, or the addi- tion of the Secretary General of the Arts Council to Pooh-Bah's list of pluralist appointments - the fact that there isn't one, as far as one can tell, added spice to the gibe. The artistic health of any opera company depends on its musical director, chorus and orchestra.). have been going to D'Oyly Carte for nearly half a century now, and can promise that musical standards have never

The current music director. been higher. John Owen Edwards, both loves and understands Sulli-



van's idiom, and draws perfect ly balanced playing from a band of exactly the right size and ideally disciplined singing from the expert chorus. The fact that Edwards is also conducting Oklahoma! at the National Theatre and understands Rodgers just as well opens up endless vistas of what the company could contribute to the national scene with support from someone, somewhere.. If energy were all, Fenton

Gray's production would sweep the boards at next year's Olivier Awards: the whole cast fly about the stage in a state of ceaseless hyperactivity, eyes and teeth glistening relentlessly. Some of the splatter-gun gags work, some don't I liked Nanki-Poo gradually emptying the stage after revealing himself as a Wandering Minstrel, and the "nancy" joke is tactfully handled. But the Madrigal, one number that doesn't need staging (just sing ith, is an elaborate meal with brown sauce and hipflask gags; the intrusion of Keystone Cops is another example of overkill; and the choreography, apart from a neat tap number, is playschool rath-

er than Agnes de Mille. The Mikado may be the most popular of the G&S canon, but it's far from the best there's some surprisingly clumsy dramaturgy in the sec-



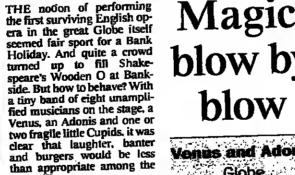
Charlotte Page as Yum-Yum

ond act, not to mention outbreaks of ghastly Victorian sentimentality, which Gray sidesteps, along with elements of operatic parody and sideswipes at municipal corruption. His handling of the lipsmacking sadism, though, is

spot-on. There are some fine performances: Gareth Jones fields just the right second-hand vowel sounds as Pooh-Bah (class jokes are multilayered in The Mikado); Eric Roberts is a smooth, well-practised Ko-Ko; Charlotte Page is, quite rightly, a gruesomely pert Yum-Yum; and Jill Pert simply gruesome as Katisha. All good, un-

demanding fun.

RODNEY MILNES



Venus and Adonis Globe

instrumental ensemble.

acerbic beauty of Blow's score We may no longer be able

hour one acter, whose tragic tale of love and death worked such a spell on Purcell's own Dido and Aeneas, seemed ill Philip Pickett and bis Musicians of the Globe took the decision to semi-stage modern evening dress with restrained Baroque gestures was the com-

promise arranged by director lan Caddy. But Blow's "op-era", despite its pioneering fusion of music and drama, remains a masque, and a "Masque for the Entertainment of the King". Striking visual effects in a close-focused, intimate space would have concentrated its drama for the courtly audience of Charles 11. Here, much of the

diffused. But as the young cast (former choirgirl of the year Joanne Lunn as Venus, John Bernays as Adonis) moved gauchely and warbled away under the stars, the ear and spirit were drawn in, gradual-ly and imperceptibly, to the

work's delicate intensity was

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DANCE: Nadine Meisner meets the busy choreographer Mark Baldwin; plus, Edinburgh Festival reviews

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Although the choreography

Surrealist mood, like Mag-

ritte, and, of course, the main

For this he has embraced

the whole ballet package: he

serves the classical lexicon

straight, he even shoves the

women into tutus. Yet when he

was resident choreographer

with Scottish Ballet in 1996 he

compromised, "I was more

concerned with getting them to bend their classicism to-

wards me. But now I feel, why

should I be imposing my stuff

on them when they have a per-

fectly usable language that

has incredible significance

and breadth? After being in

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A WIFE WITHOUT A SMILE: Forgotten tarse by Pinero; its view of martiel prantis caused a scandal in 1904. Dominic Hall directs. Orange Tree, Richmond (0.81-940 3633). In repertory with Sporm Wars.



CURRENT

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

THE HORSE WHISPERER (PG): smart New Yorker, Robert Redford

LOCK, STOCK AND TWO SMOKING BARRELS (18): Frenetic and callous black comedy thriller set in London's East End, With Jason Flemyng and East End. With Jason Flemyng and Dexter Fletcher, Director, Guy Ritchie.

MR. MICE GUY (15): TV chef gets into gang trouble. Inconsequential comedy thater set in Australia, with Hong Kong action star Jackle Chan. Director, Samo Hung.

THE PROPOSITION (12): Wikily morobable melodrama about sexual surrogacy, set in 1930s Boston, with William Hurt, Madelene Stowe and Kenneth Branagh. Director, Lesh Linka Giafter.

THE REAL HOWARD SPITZ (PG): Would be wacky romantic cornedy from Vadim Jean, co-director of Leon the Pig Farmer, With Kelsey Gramme and Amanda Donohue. THE SPANISH PRISONER (PG):

writer-director David Mamet, with Campbell Scott, Stave Martin, and

LE BOSSU (15): Enjoyable French swashbuckler, with Daniel Auteuil as the swordsman determined to bring down Fabrice Luctim's upstart

GANG RELATED (15): Ywo coos hunt for a fall guy to take the rap for murder. Bling drams that finally loses its way. With James Belushi and Tupac Shakur.

METROLAND (18): London suburbanites in the 1970s ponder on their radical youth. Perfunctory account of Julian Barnes's novel, with Christian Bala and Emily Watson.

ARMAGEDDON (12): Oil driller Bruce Willis and his roughneck crew strik out into space to save the world. Absurdly childish, and anjoyable, blockbuster. With Billy Bob Thom Ben Affleck, and Liv Tyler.

THE X-PILES (15): Mulder and Soully THE A-PLES (19): Mulder and Souly lumble upon an extra-terneshal virus More an extended TV episode than a blockbuster movie. With David Duchowny and Gillian Anderson Director, Rob Bowman,





Mark Baldwin with his company: "I always had the idea I'd be a choreographer, so I felt I was storing a lot of stuff and now is the time to get it out"

Baldwin takes his title from with the Deutsche Staatsoper the score, Man With A Mousand with Bart de Block, fortache, originally written, he merly a principal dancer in Berlin, now Baldwin's assistthinks, for puppet theatre. He chose it because "Lord Berners ant and a member of his comwas interested in ballet and pany. Whereas Baldwin's othyou can hear the dancing in it. er dancers have moderndance training. Bart de Block I cottoned on to the idea of dances ballet, with a plus. He dances on pointe. "He was in the Trocadero Ballet for a was finished when we spoke, the designs by Andrew Flintwhile where he was quite a hit. Shipman had yet to be final-I've seen a lot of men dance on ised. "The piece will have this pointe but none, I think, as well as a ballerina. But Bart is

> amazing, a true virtuoso." As part of his company's new programme (to live piano accompaniment). Baldwin has made Darkness Visible. named after Thomas Ades's score. The choreography, inspired by a Chagall drawing of an acrobat celebrates his three contemporary-style dancers. But M-Piece, to commissioned music by Roxanna Panufnik, is a solo exploiting Block's unusual prowess: while Stravinsky's Song of the Nightingale also features Block as the Nightingale, contrasting balletically with the rest of the cast.

the classical language opening Baldwin thinks he himself might dance in the remaining piece. Pulcinella Disperato. af-Such enthusiasm comes in the wake of his association ier one year away from per-

forming: "I see myself as the desperate part," he jokes. Using an existing score by Hans Werner Henze, Pulcinella Disperato renews the link formed with the German composer last year when they created Labyrinthe for the Deutsche Staatsoper. How did this collaboration come about? By a chance meeting in a Kenyan village. Henze not only wrote a score for Labyrinthe, but pushed Baldwin to tell a story for the first time and employ a large corps de ballet. Baldwin finished up with "the best thing I have ever done by a mil-

lion miles". From working with 40 German dancers to the four dancers of his own group, from modern dance to male ballet on pointe: the Baldwin diet is eclectic. But then his own life has been like that. Part Welsh. part Irish, part Fijian, he grew up in New Zealand where he studied dance while doing a degree in fine art. "Art school taught me that it's a sin to wait around for inspiration. You just get on with it."

• City Ballet of London opens to-night at the Peacock Theatre (0171-863 \$222). The Mark Baldwin Dance Company opens its tour at The Point, Eastleigh, on Oct 16

T ot even Balanchine could claim to have been honoured by three separate companies in a combined celebration. It is a nice first for the Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen. made possible by the Edin-burgh Festival; and a wonderful opportunity for audiences to savour the range of his classical-contemporary work over 33 years, tuned to the different styles of the performers with

whom he has worked.

The joint programme of Netherlands Dance Theatre 11 and III at the Playhouse showed van Manen's dance applied to NDT's less balleoc ethos and to the opposite extremes of a dancer's life dancers starting out (NDT II) and dancers nearing the end of their careers (NDT 111). Solo (1997), actually a solo in a relay of three, exploits the virtuosity of NDT II's male youth and leaves you. like the cast. gasping at the furiously fast and filigree writing which meets Bach's Violin Suite on equal terms. The Old Man and Me (1996) compresses the heavy baggage of years into a duet for NDT III's Gérard Lemaitre and Sabine Kupferberg: it is a love story, told in el-

breeze

oquent images of longing, humour and tenderness. Zero Hour-a world premiere-filters NDT III's world-wise individualism through a quartet of teasing passion, manipulation and jealousy. You can admire van Manen's diversification of the tango's motifs to Astor Piazzolla's music, but you have to wait for the last moments to discover whether Gerald Tibbs will choose Kupferberg

or David Krügel. That is the essence of van Manen: a superb composer of bold sweeping shapes who plays the variations of structure and pattern with luminous clarity and iconoclasoc invendon; but also a humanist who views dance as being about people. Adagio Hammerklavier (1973), in the Dutch National Ballet's second programme (at the Festival Theatre), may be van Manen at his most academic, yet it too blows a fresh, unexpected breeze into received ideas.

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These in turn serve to illuminate a community on stage, so that the three ballerinas who collapse to the floor perform a step that is both balletically unconventional and charged with emotion.

Sarcasms (1981) and Twilight (1972) are two tartly portrayed aspects of one situation: a man and woman at odds and in harmony. But it is van Manen's Live (1979) that dazzies most. Using a video operator to produce a simultaneous projection, *Live* extends the theatre's performing space and Sabine Chaland's presence. You see her standing. turned away, on stage and at the same time you scrutinise on screen her fragile face.

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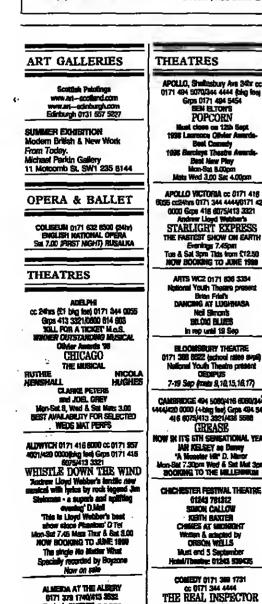
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When she leaves for the theatre's foyer, the camera follows her, so you watch her passionate duet there with Gael Lambiotte. You watch an earlier filmed flashback of their fraught relationship, you then watch her leave the theatre and walk away, a forlorn figure in an Edinburgh street. This is innovative technology at its most gimmick-free, fused with dance and drama to brilliant effect.

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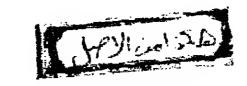
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Fire safety clouded by regulatory smoke

Lois Letts explains why tenants should take a close look at any furniture they are offered when they rent a property

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Furniture and Furnishing (Fire) (Safety) Regulation 1988, amended in 1989 and 1993, and of other safety regulations has taken place.

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The regulations state that all soft furnishings such as sofas, cushions, pillows, padded headboards and mattresses have to comply with the new

Lyttons Property Services in Oxford pleaded guilty in April to 12 charges relating to two chairs, a sofa, four mattresses and a refrigerator. The bench fined the agent £1,625 and ordered her to pay £1.400 costs, adding: "If you are letting property to tenants, you must have regard for their safety. The regulations are installed for the benefit of the public and the safety requirement must be stringently followed." The landlord was not prose-

cuted, according to the Association of Residential Letting Ageots, the. trade body that repletting

agents. The case high-lights the need for knowledge of the re-cent regulations. They may be well known to professional landlords. but many slandlords are not professional ones.-

the rules A typical ama-teur landlord is the businessman sent abroad for six months who takes a tenant to help to pay the mortgage. He knows little of the law and assumes that ignorance will constitute innocence in the event of an acci-

tion, everyone involved professionally in lettings is holding their breath. The first big fire where an over-stuffed armchair is proven to be the culprit will severely dent the reputation of an industry already associated with greedy Rachman-style operators.

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At present, furniture manufactured before 1950 is exempt. although in many cases it is hard to tell when a piece was made. Carolyn Thornton of Alexander Gordon Lettings in West London often encounters this problem. "When I take on

etting agents and land-lords beware: the first around checking labels on the furniture. Sometimes, land-lords have cut them off. But if you go back to the maker, they should confirm whether a piece complies with regulations. I often buy new furniture for landlords, particularly those living abroad."

The non-professional land-lord has several legal loopholes on his side. First is the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) definition of the law, that landlords "letting their own homes for a temporary period" are exempt from the regulations because they are not effectively in the lettings business

The problem, according to Chris Mercer, an independent adviser to the National Association of Estate Agents, is what constitutes a "temporary period". He says: "A banker may have been sent to the Middle East by his company for two years. He lets his home. What happens if he decides he likes

Dubai and buys a home out there? He Landlords sends his children to school there. At what point does he become a professional landlord?

hole," says Mr Mercer, "is that the DTI states that unless the letting agent buys the furniture or signs the. ment, the landlord has supplied the furniture. But the

Consumer Protection Act 1987 governing the regulations has various definitions of supply. which seem to include offering a property to let. In any case, the courts interpret."

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> Liz McCallum, consultant to the lettings industry, says that tenants should also beware the "locked room". She explains: "Some landlords arrange to store non-compliant furniture in a room in a property by locking it away. The furniture is not detailed on the in-

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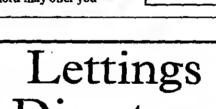
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Hidden peril of shallow foundations

Many of Britain's older homes are built on questionable footings, reports Lizzie Enfield chartered surveyor with the lo-

Trom the front, the six-storey Kendall House in Hastings is an impos-Victorian block of flats. From the back, it's a pile of rubble. One evening in June the rear of the building collapsed. Suddenly, all six storeys came crashing down like a pack of cards. In the mass of debris that remains, crushed furniture and torn curtains peek out from beneath the pile of bricks

Colin Pearce, whose 81-yearold mother, Peggy, lives next door, describes a massive tremor. "It was as if there was an earthquake. There was a crash and a bang followed by a huge cloud of dust. "Just hours earlier residents had been advised to evacuate Kendall House after the local council deemed it unsafe.

There was little warning of the impending collapse. A month earlier, residents had noticed cracks on the outside walls and the council had advised the freeholder to have a survey. On the day in ques-tion, residents reported hearing bricks falling down the chimney, but no one was prepared for what followed. The cause of the collapse is still being investigated, but this area of Hastings seems

particularly at risk from sub-

sidence. Mike Courtnage, a

The survey revealed that the ground beneath Braybrook Terrace was unstable. It's the site of a former river built on silt. The survey

up of Britain presents a valley and the houses were number of problems. "In this country a lot of the showed they were gradually slipping and it's likely that ground is not solid enough to take the weight of a house. Typsome may have collapsed even without the tunnel." All the ically houses are built on sand, clay or chalk. Such houses owners of the homes in Brayneed foundations to spread the brook Terrace have agreed to sell to the water company at above market prices and their

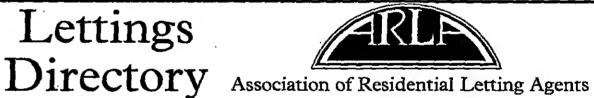
weight of the building over the soil, but most prewar buildings have shallow foundahomes are to be demolished. tions, if any at all." These problems are not re-Courtnage says that usually stricted to Hastings. Courtbuildings give warning signs

nage says the geological make. of structural problems. "You'll see cracks and sloping floors. and have difficulties opening windows and doors. All of these are signs that the entire building may be slipping." But Courtnage admits that

Subsidence may have caused the collapse of Kendall House

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even a survey cannot always reveal damage. His advice to house buyers is: "If you're buying an older property, make sure you get a full survey, but if solid foundations are your priority, then buy a house built within the past 30 years."



John Husband of Humberts reckons he paid as much as 40 per cent over the odds

for this Tudor house, despite a poor survey, because he wanted it so badly

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John Husband at Hum-

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Phymouth C510. C170. C560. C100.
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Wolverhampton 011C, B6C1, Y401, C620, C4C6, C120, C500, C501, Y401
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Bradford 8940
Bristol, West of England C980
Wales Inst, Cardiff O49B
Central Lancashire B940
Coventry D818, C930
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FB12, FB11, C620, C420, B200, BB21, B100
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Greenwich B940 B, 049B B
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Westminster B940
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Bangor C650 Portsmouth C650 Sussex C704 BIOPHYSICS De Monfort QC64 Liverpool John Moores C600 BIOTECHNOLOGY Abertay Dundee C9F9, C9C2, C9C5.

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Birmingham C718
East London J820, J800
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Liverpool C518
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UMIST C7J8
Palsley J800
Portsmouth J800
Reading 1800
Scottish Agricultural Coll:
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South Bank J800
Surrey C500, CD515, C502, C510
Sussex C4J8, C4JV, C4R1, C4R2, C4R4
Westminster J801, J800

Westminster J801, J800 Wolverhampton 008J, Y401, J800 BOTANY

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Aston FG11
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Bath Spa Coll F800, Y400
Birmingham FF68
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Canterbury Christ Church Coll L800, X918, Q318, V118, GS18, N518, P418,
N118, W318, L718, W518, V818,
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CH18, V81V
Chester Coll F8CM, GF58, G5F8,
WF48, QF34, C1F8, W9P8
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GL18, GL48, LM81, CF1V, FLIW
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P004 F801, CF18, FP98, F800, FF81,
FF86 C740, F101
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Derby F801, CF18, FF98, F800, FF81, FF85
Edge Hill Coll L801, L822, F840, L800, L820, L782, LM89, GL58, GL18, L083, LL83, LM87
Edinburgh FF68
Greenwich F808, L800, F800, FF68, LM81
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Huddersfield L800
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Those seeking places should start by making a phone call, says John O'Leary

How to use listings

oday's listing of courses with vacancies in clearing covers mathematics and science. Although slow to fill in many cases and generally demanding lower grades than the popular arts and social sciences, the area has an enviable employment record.

Listings will continue to appear in The Times until the end of this week. Vacancies in arts and social sciences by far the higgest section - will be published tomorrow, with the engineering and technology following on Friday. The areas rotate so that every subject is covered twice a week. Full listings are available on The Times website, at http://www.the-times.co.uk

Places have been filled at an unprecedented rate this year, largely because the clearing process is now highly efficient. The total number of can-didates placed since A level results were published last month is now well over

Loughborough F101, F100
UMIST F10b, F105, F101, F102, F104, F126, F127, F140, F141, F180, F181, F182, F103, F172, F103, F172, F103, F100, F123, F111, F122, F126, F105, F100, F123, F111, F122, F126, F172, F102, F103, F101, F103, F100, F123, F111, F122, F126, F181, Nonlngham Trent F110, F103, F100, F105, F102, F101, F104, F120, F121, F104, F120, F121, F104, F120, F121, F104, F120, F105, F102, F104, F105, F100, F120, F111, F172, CF81, F141, F179mouth F140, F180, F110, C1F1, G1F1, CSF1, F7F1, G4F1, C1F1, F182, F8F1
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University of Wales Institute, Cardiff

Anglia: Cambridge F920 C Derby F630 Kingston F640, F648 Liverpool John Moores F920, FD92 Manchester F640 Nene C959, X9F9, J9F9, F8F9, B1F9, V6F9, N7F9 Plymouth F669 Portsmeuch F648 Reading F925 Staffordshire F640 Wolverhampton Y401

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East Anglia C630
Edinburgh C400
Leeds C400, C402
Liverpool C400
NewCastle C400
Queen Mary and Westfield Coll
C400, C4C5
Queen's Belfast C400
Sussex C418, C47V, C4R1, C4R2,
C4R4
Wolverhampton Y401

Aberystwyth L801, F800, F801, L800, FF38, FG85, LR81, LX89, LV83, LVB4, LO84

EARTH SCIENCE

EQUINE STUDIES

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DENTAL TECHNOLOGY 250,000. Although most of the courses on this page will have vacancies right up until the start of term next month, an early application is advisable to ensure that your chosen programme remains available. Clearing is also open to new ap-

plicants, so it is not too late to find a higher education place next month if personal circumstances have changed and you want to start a degree. The information in the listings has

been supplied by universities and colleges themselves, but is not exhaustive. Candidates are advised to check with institutions direct to be certain about whether courses have vacancies.

If you are rejected by your chosen institutions, then you are automatically eligible for clearing. Ucas will send you a clearing entry form (CEF) with instructions. Contact Ucas if you have not yet received a form.

Queen Mary and Westfield College LM81

LN87
Southampton New Coll BL6V
Southampton New Coll BL68, Dl28,
Q318, V118, M118, L318
UMIST GF58
Manchester Metro L801, LT82, FL98,
HLP8, LL18, GL58, GLM8, CL18,
GL18

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Wolverhampton F800, Y401, F840, L822, L800 Coll Wordester L800, LV81, LG85, LL87, LL83, LM89, LB86

SCIENCE

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Brunel, West Loodon FL58
Greenwich F618, F612, F600, F928, F608, F925, F601, FF08
Hertfordshire F610, F600, F601, F602, F630, H6F6, F976, T276, B1F6, G1F6, R276, K1F6, F5F6, G4F6
Liverpool F601, F617, F600, F698, L160, F698, F641
Luton F600, 1876, NBF6, NIF6, NIFP, VIFP, C976, F976, T276, F8F0, B906, M3F6, N7F6, O276, F8F6, M1F6, C1F6, C

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Essex RQ23. R200
Exter F603, 606F
Greenwich F618. F612, F600, F928, F608, P925, F601, FF68
Herdordsblre F610, F600, F601, F602, F630, H676, F976, T276, B1F6, Q1F6, N2F6, Y7F6, F3F6, L1F6, G5F6, F1F6, N1F6, F5F6, F4F6
Huddersfield RP24, R2Q3
Kgele F600, FF6M, FF6D, GF5P, FF6H, F756, CP16, FF6D, GF5P, FF6H, F756, CP16, F765, F766, F765, F861, FR62, FV61, FM65, FW61, B16, FV67, F756, FK65, FR98, F163, FW61, F165, FW61, F165, FW61, F600, F678, F601, F603, F630, F601, F607, F600, F678, F641, F603, F630, F608, F631, F600, F678, F641, F603, F630, F658, F641, L00n F630, F600, BF6, N8F6, N1F6, N1F

Liverpool F601, F6TE, F600, F6F8, F641
L6101 F630, F600, 18F6, N8F6, N1F6, N1F9, V1F6, C9F6, F9F6, T2F6, F8F9, M996, M3F6, N7F6, Q2F6, F8F6, N5F6, G1F6, V1FF, F8FP, C2F6, M1F6, L7FP, M1FP, P7F6, M9F6, C7F6, CF76, F786, F866, F86

Southampton F600 F1F6 F630 MR1F

Southampton Food Fire east MR1F
Southampton Institute M3RG
Stationtshire BF66, F630, FF63
Sunderland F630, J976, F611, NF16, FM63, FF16, GF56, CF96, LF16, F603, RF16, M996, LF86, FN66, TF20, CF56, CF56, CF56, CF6, CF16, CF76, F1F6, C1F6, C1F6, L1F6, L3F6, M1F6, N1F6, N1F6, N1F6, N1F6, N5F6, MF6, CF3C, R1F6, R2F6, V1F6, V7F6, V8F6
Sussex RR12, R200, RR23, RQ21, RR28
University College London R200, RR23
Wolverhampton Y401

HEALTH STUDIES

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Bath 50a Coll B991
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Central Lancashire L451, L452, L532, L849
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East London B991
King's Coll London B900
Leeds Merro L450
Lincolnshire and Humberside:
Humberside 0541 G, L450
Linton L450, NBBN, NBN, F8BN, Q2BN, NSBN, Q3BN, C2BN, NBN, F8BN, GBN, CBN, NBN, F8BN, B905
Manchester Metro L450
Manchester Metro: Crewe + BW94, B093, BN91, BF99
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pursue, contact the institution with your CEF number and your Ucas applicant number. The university or college will ask for the form if it is offering a place, but you should send it only when you have eliminated any other options.

The CEF can be sent only to one institution at a time - faxes or photocopies will not do. The institution will then carry out the necessary checks on your qualifications and confirm the offer of a place to Ucas. Only then will Ucas send you an official letter of acceptance.

Although The Times helpline has now closed, most universities and colleges run advice services during clearing. Local careers services also offer help at this time of the year, and commercial consultants, such as Gabbitas in London, can give more extensive individual attention.

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Manchester FH68, L800, LV86, F802
Middlesex L800 E, F800 E
Newman Coll Fx89, LF78, FVB8, CF18, FV81, FX8X
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CF18, V1F8
Northumbria L800, F800
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Flymouth X618, X318, F800, F6F8, L1F8, M1FV, T9F8, F7F8, M1F8, L4F8, L378, C4F6, C4FV, L1FW, D2F8, L300, F1F8, F8F1
Ponsmouth L800, V318, L118
Queen Mary and Westfield Coll L822, VR1G, L81, L818, L881, L881

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Plymouth 052D
Reading D250, D251
Royal Agricultural Coll D251, 0252, D253
Scottish Agricultural Coll D251, 0252, D253
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Sentilsh Agricultural Coll Workingham 027N, N720, NP77
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MARINE SCIENCE

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Bangor F140, C170, CC17, C320
Cornwall C011 N780, J600, 019 F.
1061, C170
Olasgow 36H3
Heriot-Watt C170
Liverpool John Moores N358, 0361, J630, 2061
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Oundee N6F2, N6FF,
East Anglia F166
Hull HJ3M, F167
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Technology and J526, JF5F, JF52, †
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Northumbria J508
Flymouth J520
Portsmouth H770
Queen Mary and Westfield Coll
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F315, F3F2
Southampton J644 Southampton J644 Surrey J523, J524, J520, J525, J526, J522

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Bell Coll SG1G
Birmingham G141, GG1B, FG31,
CG81, GG15, GC17
Bishop Drosseresie Coll X4G1, X2O1
Brighton GF13, G101, GG51, GN12,
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LAFO # $\sum_{\substack{k=1\\k \neq k}} c_{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i k_i = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} c_i$ RACING: GODOLPHIN RELIES ON ROYAL ASCOT WINNER FOR AUSTRALIA'S FAMOUS TWO-MILE HANDICAP

Faithful Son declared for Melbourne test

By Chris McGrath

the identity of the Ashes tour party, they will have been more interested in counting chickens than sheep after a second sporting invasion took shape here yesterday. After all, northern hemisphere horses have plundered the Melbourne Cup about as often as England have won five Tests in Australia.

Lest we forget, however, Mike Brearley's team managed just that in 1978-79 - and five years ago, Dermot Weld saddled Vintage Crop for a famous Irish success at Flemington. Last year, moreover, Harbour Dues flew into fourth place and the publication of the weights for the twomile handicap made it entirely plausible that domestic morale might be lowered on November 3, 17 days before

the opening Test at Brisbane. A sense of adventure has driven Godolphin throughout its short history and there is corresponding enterprise to the choice of Faithful Son (9st 21b), from five of the top seven

in the handicap.

Tough and reliable, Faithful Son has never raced beyond ten furlongs, over which trip he won the Princess of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot and finished second in the Eclipse Stakes and Juddmonte International. His candidature conforms to the race's culture.

IF AUSTRALIANS did not as most of the home runners lose much sleep on learning are perceived as lacking depth in stamina - and he will also take in the traditional step-

ping-stone to Flemington.

The only horse we intend sending is Faithful Son, who starts his quarantine at the end of the week." Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said, "His main aim is the Caulfield Cup, over a mile and a half on October 17. and, if he runs well there, he will have earned his place in the Melbourne Cup."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ROYAL FONTAINE (4.30 York) Next best: Petrus (5.00 York)

A quote of 25-1 against Persian Punch (8st 13lb) makes him the European entry most respected locally. There is certainly no doubting the enthusiasm of his owner, Jeff Smith, who may also run Grey Shot (8st 7lb), an honour-

able seventh two years ago. Persian Punch, who would also go via the Caulfield Cup. was typically brave in getting back up to win the Lonsdale Stakes at York. His trainer, David Elsworth, would certainly take the game to the Australians and Smith said:

"Two miles would be the perfect trip for both."

Arctic Owl and Sheer Danzig are possible Newmarket raiders, while Sir Michael Stoute, with an unrivalled record of global achievement, can weigh up Multicoloured (8st 11b), Clerkenwell (8st 6lb) and Greek Palace (8st 4lb). Sir Michael's love of cricket will no doubt embrace one precautionary memory, however. Brearley's touring party lost one game in that six-match series — at Melbourne.

Andreyev, fresh from a successful overseas raid rather closer to home, was yesterday in demand for the Stanley Leisure Sprint Cup at Haydock on Saturday. Win-ner of the Prix de Meautry at Deauville on Sunday, he is 10-1 (from 20-1) with the Tote.

Adrian Maguire, who escaped largely unscathed from a terrifying incident at Fontwell on Monday, needed all his undoubted intrepidity to ride in the novice chase at Uttoxeter vesterday.

At Fontwell, a loose horse, galloping the wrong way, had suddenly crashed into his mount, Palamon, catapulting Maguire ten feet into the air. Both horses were killed in-stantly, but Maguire — des-perately unlucky with injury of late - emerged with just a bruised arm. This, happily, proved insufficient to impede an easy win on Hopeful Lord.



Persian Punch is likely to take his chance in the Melbourne Cup after a battling victory in the Lonsdale Stakes at York

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2.00 LEVY BOARD PETRUSHKA VODKA CLAIMING STAKES (£6,495: 1m 205yd) (16 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

Test The Water best Hoperty 2 in 9-runner Sandown claimer (1m, good to firm) Three For A Pound 16f 12th of 14 to Sugarfoot in York handicap (71 202yd, firm). Night Charus 4441 4th of 7 to Cunet Verture in stakes at Musseshurgh (71 good), Sometion Boy 3/41 3rd of 9 to Abajany in handicap at Ayr (1m, soft) Task Force beat Perstan Sabre neck in 16-runner Leicester claimer (1m, good to firm)

TEST THE WATER met a smart horse last time and that form was boosted yesterday

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203	(13)	6522	EDMO HEIGHTS 20 (Edmolik UK LIG) 1 Easterby 8-10 K Fallon	5
304	(11]	300	JUSTUPYOURSTREET 17 (E Brook) J.J. O'NoH 8-7	4
305	(8)	634360	LITTLE HENRY 20 (V) (J Whete) P Evans 8-7 G Duffield	4
.306	[1]	605	WEET U THERE 7 (E Weetman (Hautage & Storage)) A Hollinshead 8-7 L Dettori	5
207	13)		BLUE GLASS (T Clarke) N Littmoden 8-5	
208	(10)	04453	SUGAR CUBE TREAT 11 (Aboey Racing) M Multineaux 8-5 . A McCarthy (3)	5
209	131	440	COL-WOODY 46 (Mrs A Janvis 8 4	5
210	[15]	34500	COUNTY TIMES 14 (Times County Partnership) B Pothwell 8-4 W Supple	55
211	116	0	NIGHTGLADE 42 (M British) M British 8-4	
212	[14]	300	WAY BACK 33 (Mrs G Spink) B Rottinell 6-4 M Fenton	5
213	1123	245	BRENDA DEE 46 (Mrs A James) A James 7-13 L Charnock	6
214	(3)	86	GEEFORCE 12 (R Cook) & Oldroyd 7-13 M Semple (7)	Z
215	141		JELLYBEEN (N Parker) Miss G Rellenay 7-13	-
216	m	30	STUDLEY PARK 42 (Ropon Ringers) P Calver 7-13	67
BÉTTI	NG: 5-		5-1 Edmo Heights 10-1 Col-Woody, Studley Park, 12-1 Brenda One, 16-1 others.	
			1997. EVENING WORLD 8-4 T Gurn (5-4 lav) P Cole 18 ran	

CAPRIOLO has improved with each run and can get off the mark here

3	กก	RATI	EYS CASH & CARRY HANDICAP (£8,675: 1m 5i 194yd] (15)
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300	(5)	2-3442	LIVIUS 29 (BF) IMC L Falcather) () Chappell 4-9-10 J Quino
303	[6]	024011	KARASI 18 (V.F) (H R H Aga Khani Sir M Stoute 3-9-9 O Holland
304	/10)	1-0141	PUTERI WENTWORTH 35 (G,S) (Annual State) Miles & Kellenay 4-9-9 J Fortune 1
305	1139	030131	SILENTLY 6 (O.F. 6.5) JC Darley Racing Partnership) K Rices 6-9-7 (5ex) J Carroll 7
306	Ē		DOMAPPEL 18 (BF.F.G.S) (M Banks Mrs. J Cecil 6-9-6 J Wesves IX
307	1151		CRYSTAL FALLS 11 (F.O) /C Slevens T Easterby 5-9-5 X Dartey
308	141	41850	LEGAL LUNCH 13 (S) (Alleged Partnership) P Harris 3-9-4 A Culture 1
309	Gi	613441	PLOW BY 25 (D.F.G) (Hesmonts Sud) J Dunlop 3-9-2
310		-11225	SALSKA 5 (D.F.G.S) (P Clinton) A Streeter 7-9-0 A Daily (3)
311	181	221260	SALSKA 5 (D.F.G.S) P Cloreon) A Streeter 7-9-0 A Duity (3) 4 WINSOME GEORGE 15 (V.F.G) C Barber-Lomani C Fairburst 3-8-13 N Kennedy U
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312	(3)		DURHAM 21 (B.D.F.G) (M Thole) 6 L Moore 7-8-13 K Fallon
313		262123	BENJAMEN FRANK 31 (G) (B Lam) S Woods 3-8-12
314	(12)	-00104	CENTRAL COMMITTEE 16 (BF.F) (R Sangster) P Chappie-Hyam 3-6-12 R Haulin (3)
315	(1)	643403	BERSAGLIO 11 (Lord H De Walden) W Jarvis 3-8-8 L Detion !
ETT	NG. 5-1	ASSES 6	-t Flow By, 5-1 Paten Wortworth, 18-1 Tatem Cancer, Georgepel, Benjama Frank, 12-1 other

1997: FORGE 4-8-13 N Day (16-1] P Caher 15 ran FORM, FOCUS

Totem Dancer beat Master Beveled 51 in 8-normer arrateur handicap at Chester (1m 44, good). Karasi beat Colway Rotz 1441 in 10-normer handicap at Ripon (1m 44, good to limin) with Sternty ofth. Putert Wendworth beat Erenty Park 341 in 11-normer handicap at Goodwood (2m 44, good). Silently beat General Glow 41 in 12-normer handicap at Musseburgh (1m 61, good). Domatpoel 743 4th of 8 to Ometic in handicap at Newbury (1m 51, good to him). Crystal Falls 243 3rd of 8 to Rahvue in handicap at Ripon (1m 44, good to limin). Flow By beat Spring Anchor. 11 in 8-normer handicap at Haydock (1m 61, good). Durham 21 3rd of 8 to Highwayman in handicap at Sandown (1m 61, good to limin). Bernamin Frank 11 3rd of 5 to Walf in stakes at Newcastle (1m 41 93yd. good). Bernangliko 11 3rd of 8 to High And Mighty in handicap at Sandown (1m 61, good to him).

CENTRAL COMMITTEE has shipped down the handicap and can lake this from Karasi



Rider 'critical'

NATHAN ROSSITER, the 22-year-old amateur rider, remained in a critical condition in intensive care at a Chichester hospital yesterday after a heavy fall at Fontwell Park on Monday. A spokeswoman at St Richard's Hospital said: "He is still critical and will be kept sedated."

3.30 LAWRENCE BATLEY RATED HANDICAP | SHOWCASE AND TOTE TREFECTA RACEJ (£19,151: 61) (19)

401	(117)	005100	FIRE DOME 18 (D.G.S) (J. Razgot) (1 Nacholis 6-9-7 Alex Greeves	86	
402	(14)	014045	MICRASINE 18 (V.D.F.G) (Sungal Potatoes) J Eyra 4-9-5 K Darley	109	
403	(14)	602519	WARNINGFORD 25 (V.G) (Barlord Bloodstock & J Farstone 4-9-3 M Hills	50	
404	(7)	200618	BRAVE EDGE 40 (C.D.F.G) Otong Vale Racing) R Hasson 7-9-3 . M Roberts	113	
405	(11)	421100	VOLONTIERS 25 (G.S) (Communes) P Hant, 3-8-1	116	
40G	113)	-18404	TRIPLE HAY 15 (D.F.G) (Broadgate Partnerthy) R Harmon 4-9-0 R Hoghes	101	
407	19)	145240	DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 15 (CD.F.G.S) (E Rollinson) P Feligate 8-9-0 . G Parlin	184	
406	11)	00-002	EMERGING MARKET 18 (CD.F) (P Wroughtoo) J Dunlop 8-8-13 & Carter	96	
409	(5)	420340	JRAMY 700 18 (0,5) (J Gestarr) 8 McMahon 3-8-13 L Mewton	102	
410	(3)	-51000	LONE PIPER 25 (6) (5 Margra) C Britain 3-6-11 J Weaver	199	
411	(6)	35,3800	DUUBLE ACTION 15 (BLCD, F.G.S) (C Severe) T Easterly 4-8-19 L Chamock	106	
412	141	00-346	DARING DESTINY 53 (B.D.F.G.S) (N Shields) K Burle 7-8-9 K Fallon	65	
413	(16)	201360	KAYO 19 (D.F.S) (J. Abell) T Ethernolon 3-8-8	111	
414	(19)	042415	VENTURE CAPITALIST 15 (CD.F.G) (N Saters) 0 Nicholts 9-8-8 F Norton	111	
415	(16)	061110	CADEAUX CHER 15 (D.F.S) IN Browne) 8 Hats 4-8-7 G DorBald	100	
415	(12)	462202	LAGO DI VARIANO 15 (B.F.G.S) (PB7 Group) R Whitelet 6-8-7 L Detect	109	
417	(15)		JEHNELLE 18 (F,S) (Mrs J Commell) C Dayler 4-8-7 J Fortant	90	
418	(3)	201300	OXAN 15 (D.F.G.) (1 Locificad) M Tomplets 3-8-6 P Robinson	107	
419	(8)	-60502	THE LIMPING CALL 14 (F) (C Whitsher) 8 Morgan 3-8-5 Duan McKenwin	103	
ong	hando	ag: Cales	us Cher 8-6, Lago di Varano 8-6, Jameste 8-3, The Limping Cat 8-1		
9ETTI	ME: 7.	1 Emergo	Market, 8-1 Carlesno Cher, 18-1 Bouble Action, During Destiny, Lago di Varano, 12-	1 Fire	
			FALL BUILDING CO. L. C.		

largetard, Braine Edge, Prigite Hay, Double Splendour, Kaye, Vacture Capitalist, 14-1 others.

Finerging Market %! 2nd of 22 to Cadecaux Cher (4th worse off) in handicap at Ripon (6t, good to firm) with Rignasina (3th better off) 6½! 16th, Double Action (5th better off) 8½! 16th, Double Action (5th better off) 8½! 16th, Lago Di Variano (1th worse off) 9½! 8th, Lago Di Variano (1th worse off) 9½! 18th, Lago Di Variano (1th worse off) 9½! 18th, Lago Di Variano (1th worse off) 9½! 18th, Toole Hay (4th better off) 13½! 18th, Vershire Capitalist (5th better off) 4½! 18th, The Limping Cat 1½! 2nd of 16 to Neght Shet in 3yo handicap at York (5t, firm).

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4.	00	LONE	PIPER SCO	TCH W	HISKY	HAN	DICAP (£7, 69 4:	7t 202	vd) (25)	į
501	1111		BLOOMING AN								
502	(5)		GREY NIMEDO								į
503	(2)		BERGEN 81 (F								i
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502	(5)	051964	GREY NINGDOM 2 (C.F.G.S) (M Britain) M Britain 7-9-12	91
503		15-00	BERGEN 81 (F) (1 Hanson) J Hanson 3-9-9 E Johnson	61
504	(24)	334DB1	SAFEY ANA 13 (D.F.6) (Optional: Record) 8 Harbury 7-9-7	80
505	(3)	900330	WELLAKI BB (D.S) (C T S Recing Partnership) J Gooden 4-9-6 L Detail	95
506	(8)	1340-0	DEE PEE TEE CEE 11 (D.F.G.S) (Mrs M Cures) M W Easterby 4-9-6 T Lucas	42
507	160	0-1464	BOLD KING 12 (D) (Avon Industries Ltd) J Hits 3-9-5 M 1985	80
508	()@	22.44	FREEDOM QUEST 28 (8 Valentine) J Hetherlan 3-9-5	84
203	(23)	-00505	ALHAWA 25 (D.F.6) (DGH Patnership) Mrs. J Ramsden 5-9-4 J Fortant	83
519	(25)	125140	REBEL COUNTY 17 (D.F.G.S) (Showtime Ice Cream) A Basiny 5-8-0 G Faultoer (3)	92
511	(19)		JAY-UWE-TWO 4 (V.D.F.S) (Country Lane Pisho) R Waltsher 4-9-0 A College	103
5/3	[1]	000000	PRIDE OF PENDLE 8 (CD.F.G.S) (Nats I, Miller) M Want 9-8-13 J Wester	88
513	(3)	604451	TIMES O'WAR 27 (D.G) (Times of Wigan) T Easterby 3-8-13	72
574	a	633660	DISPOL DAMAGNO 17 (D.F.S) (Mrs O Dreway) N Tinher 5-8-13 & Chemock	92
515	1101	436453	BAND ON THE RUN 26 (V,CO,F,G,5) (U Alten) B McMahon 11-8-12 L Novitor	91
516	117)	432403	BARPESBO 1 (6) (North Crestore Trading) C Fabrural 4-8-11 J Faming	- 84
517	(13)	000064	HEVER GOLF GLORY 14 (D.6) Gerant Associates) N Literation 4-6-10 V Statlery	TTE
518	(15)	513612	GOLDFAME 5 (D) (H Yong) W O'Gorman 3-8-9 : Emma O'Gorman	98
519	(14)	. 063524	BRAVE ENVOY 26 (BF.O.F.G) (T Burgs) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-9 F Horton	86
530	(21)		SUEZ TOROKADO 6 (D.G.S) (Papermale: Racing) E Alston 5-6-7 W Supple	80
571	113	004122	ASSICO 11 (BF,D) IC Reed) C Thomson 4-8-5 Dean McKeown	182
522	118)	552311	GABLESEA 26 (O.G.5) (Chrones, Winn & Wilcon) B Baugh 4-8-2 Cale Sibson	84
523	(4)	050506	ARCHELLO 19 (F) (E Gale) & Oldroyd 4-7-18	89
524	132)	502200	THATCHED 20 (D.F.G) IC Manucod) R Barr 8-7-10	60
525	(30)	016300	PLEASURE TROCK 25 (D.F.G) (D E locks) 0 E locks 7-7-18 Kim Tinkler	91
emo.	handic	ap. Traich	ed 7-8. Pleasure Trick 7-3	
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Blooming Arreating best Goldfarms (4th better off) 11 in 12-runner handicage at Proteins (11 in 4nd, open to him) with Jary-own-two (31 better off) 344 50. The dotter off) 16 in 11 in 12-runner handicage at Newcastle (7t, good). Bergen 41 7th of 17 to Repair in tendance at York (11 205yd, soft). Safey Arra best Bomb Alaska 11 in 15-runner handicage at Safesbury (1m. good to firm). Alhawa 31 5th of 9 to Classic Find in handicage at Newmarket (1 in 2th, Irin). Rebet County 744 9th of 19 to Tonight's Prize in handicage at Proteinsci (1m. 4vd, good to firm). Almawa 31 5th of 9 to Classic Find in handicage at Reventant (1 in 2th, Irin). Rebet County 744 9th of 19 to Tonight's Prize in handicage at Proteinsci (1m. 4vd, pood to firm) with Disprot Diamondo (1evels) 944 112th Times 0 War best Susy Welts 314 in 10-runner 3vg selfing states at Haydook (1m. 30vd, good). Soft, 4th of 11 to Bold Time in states at Lecester (71 9yd, good to 8ml). Herer Golf Glory 544 4th of 11 to Bold Time in states at Lecester (71 9yd, good to 8ml). Arrico 21 2nd of 13 to Primary Colours in handicage at Wolvertempton (1m. 11 79yd, Aw, Brinssand), Gabbassa best Queens Consul short head in 16-runner handicage at Haydook (1m. 30yd, good to 5 soft) with Band On The Run (7th better off) neck 3rd, Brave Envoy (4th better off) 21 4th and Hever Golf Glory (5th better off) 3441 6th.

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SAFEY ANA is from a stable in form and can take this at the expense of Gablesea

4 3-Y	30 -0: £	MAYF 6,290:	HELD BITTER & LAGER MARDEN STAXES 1m 2t 85yd] (6)
601	131	4	GHALL 339 (S Khalet) J Durley 9-0
60.	(5)	324555	PERADVENTURE 27 (Magadroma Racing) R Harron 9-0
603	(6)		RAINSTORM (K Abdulta) J Gosden 9-0 L Den

| 14 6 TOMASSENSIO 16 (Mr. P. Herro; 1997: DELILAH 8-9 J Red (5-4 tex) Sir M Slowle 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

Ghab 8J 4th of 7 to Medieer in 2yo stakes at Ascol (71, good to firm) Peradventure 5J 5th of 6 to Rakeeb in 3yo handloap at Haydock (1m 3/ 200yd, good). Torraszewski 111 6th of 12 to Pegratz in 3yo madden stakes at Window (1m 2/ good) Renyal Pontaine 14/J 2nd of 10 Cercis in naiden stakes at Sandown (1m 2/ good) Renyal Fontaine 14/J 2nd of 13 to De Make in 3yo madden tillies stakes at Sandown (1m 2/ good) Royal Fontaine 14/J 2nd of 13 to De Make in 3yo madden tillies stakes at Sandown (1m 2/ good) to firm) ROYAL FONTAINE has created a terourable impression so far and can go one better

(9)		BI THE GOOS 83 (A Pye-Jeany) P. Johanna Havaghton 9-0		29
(11)		ISLAND HOUSE 26 (Moters Racing) G Wrapg 9-0		
(6)	00	JAGUAR 18 IA Fizzancki) Miss G Kallaway 9-0	K Fallon	29
(10)	3	KROGHTED 30 (Elde Racing Club) N 7mbler 9-0		-
j (6)	8	PETRUS 15 (C 9ritars) C Britain 9-0	- A Weaver	-07
(2)		PHAREBOH 19 (BF) (Shooth Matamatech O Lodes 9-0		20
4		RAAGI 40 (4 al-Maktourn) J Dordoo 9-8		
(5)		REGAL PHALOSOPHER (Train Parmers) J 19th 9-0	D Holland	
(7)	0	TRY CRUM 28 (M Fesco) R Harnon 9-0		
(1)	-	SADOLERS' GLORY (T Setebrasi) C Fashurd 8-9		
(3)		SCAPLET RADER (M Arbei) P Cole 8-9		-
(13)		WEAVER OF WICROS 36 (M at 1 Automot & Halls 8-9	K Darley	47
		1, 9-2 Points, 5-1 Wester of Words, 7-1 Scarlet Raider, 8-1		

Jaguar 314: 7th of 21 to Forest Stadow in 2yo maiden stakes at Navitary (71, good to film). Knighted 344 3rd of 4 to Mini Lodge in 2yo maiden stakes at Navitary (71, good to film). Knighted 344 3rd of 4 to Mini Lodge in 2yo stakes (filested) at York (6) 21 4yd. Imm). Pharmeth 34 4th of 5 to Vatentine Girl in 2yo stakes (filested) at Newbury (71, good to film). Pharmeth 34 4th of 5 to Vatentine Girl in 2yo stakes (filested) at Newbury (71, good to film). We share Of Words 334 5th of 6 to titak in 2yo maiden films; at Ascot (6), good to film).

PHAREEKH will have learnt plenty from his first run

	1	COUR	SE S	PECIALISTS	3		
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Q Loder	14	52	26.9 19.6 18.1 13.4 15.2 14.3	1. Defice	48	215	223
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6 Wagg	. 5	33	15.2	New Greaves	4	34	118
J Duntop	74	98	14 3	M Roberts	77	94	11 7

BRIGHTON

2.20 Grey Princess, 2.50 Brookhead Brandy, 3.20 Lady Yavanna, 3.50 Burning, 4.20 Be True, 4.50 Star Of The Course.

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 J DAVIES BUILDERS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,747: 51 59yd) (6 numers)

(6) 1120 EREY PRINCESS 18 (BF.P) P. Harris 9-1 N. Polland (5)
12) 6000 DOLPHINGLE 27 (B) R. Harris 0-1 Dane (Thick)
14) 543 PRINCESS ROLEY 51 W 5 M Turse 8-6 ... T. Sprake
15) 11104 SHABAASH 19 (D.F) E. Lewis 8-5 ... Paul Editory
10) 22-0 TROLANG GRIL 44 (BF) N. Harris 0-1 ... M Dayes
11) 253 MICHOLAS MISTRESS 29 P. Evans 7-10 ... C. Cogen (7) 7-4 Grey Princess, 7-2 Process Foley, 5-1 Shabsoon, Trojun Girl, 8-1 orbert

2.50 QUIENS PARK SELLING STAKES

(4)	6000)	MICE SPICE 28 6 L Moore 8-6 Candy Morts Zircon, 9-2 Snookreed Brandy, 5-1 Divine Lady, 8-1 others	29
133	D000	FEARLESS LATY 22 V-Some 8-6	34
(6)	3655	ZIRCXIX 11 M Creamon 6-11 1 Dulms	17
(8)	0	PAREDOCK INSPECTION 18 (8) 6 Lews 8-11 Paul Entery	-
in	6004	DIVINE LABY 11 (G) A Java 8-11 A McGione	49
(3)	2510	BEG 02 8 J Culture 8-11 N Cultur (5) BROOKHEAD BRANDY 11 (8,F) P Evers 8-11 J F Egan	41
		35: 6f 209yd) (9)	

3.20 BRIGHTON MARINA CLASSIFIED STAKES

IJ	-1-0	: 22,	264: 71) (13)
1	(9)	0111	ALPEN WOLF 8 (C.F) W Max 9-7 M Dwyer
2	(10)	1506	HOPERUL STAR 21 Miss G Kelleway 9-1 . Paul Eddery
3	(6)	3405	FLAME TOWER 28 R Havion 6-12 Dave O'Nes
4	(5)	0305	KIRSAMBA 12 (B) 8 Mechan 8-12 M Tebbutt
5	18	5027	LADY YAVANNA 15 (C.F) K McAUGGE 6-12 . JF Egan
8			LEGAL LARK 35 (F) P Howing 8-12 G Hand
			SAMATA ONE 47 (B.BF) W Hoppes 8-12 T Sprake
8			CELESTRAL BAY 6 E WINCOUTS 8-9 6 WINNOUTS
9			COPPER COOKE 24 M Polytese 8-9 T G McLaughlin
Œ			DELCIANA 14 P Harris 8-9
11			GLDERSLEVE 21 H Berry 8-9
12			INDIAN SILVER 8 M Channot 8-9
13	(13)	0-40	ROCK FROM THE SUN 47 (D) W G M Turns 8-9
			0 McGatfin (7)

7-2 Albert Wolf, 4-1 Sameta One, 5-1 Lady Yavanna, 6-1 Krisambo, 8-1 other;

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINCRS: Sa M Precoil. 12 wirners from 46 normers, 26 1%. W Mult. 11 from 49, 22.4%, Miss & Mellenzy, 18 from 63, 21 7%. SOCKEYS: 10 olders, 51 entress from 230 ands, 25 1% R Brisland, 3 from 12, 26 8%; N Poland, 5 from 23, 21.7%; M Deyer, 13 from 71, 18 3%.

3.50 REIGHTON CLAIMING STAKES

٤	2,36	9: 11) (15)		
i	(19)	0112	THE GREEN GREY 15 (BF.D.F.S) W Mair 4-9-	M Dwytr	80
į	di	3001	BURROLG 9 (C.P. N Lithroden 6-9-5 T 6	McLagonin	79
i	(15)	0030	PADDY'S RECE 14 (B,CO.F,S) M Blanchest 7-9	-2 C Retter	75
i	(81	2040	DANCING LAWYER 79 (CD.F.G) k Burle 7-8-1	2	
	101		Designation to feat to a part . a .	N Catton (5)	76
	0	1000	MR ROUGH 15 (B.CD.F.S) 0 Monts 7-8-12	M Tebbut	
	2	D.SO	EUROLINK PROFILE 13 (7) J Portman 4-6-11	. a it feeting	•
'	4.1	000		R Studholme (5)	61
,	1111	hone	LIFT BOY 11 (V.F.G) G L Moont 9-8-19		63
			DAWN TREADER 9 R Harrow 3-8-9		49
٠				_ JF From	79
	1141	SUU			/9
ū	(9)	0504	HAWAR STORM 11 (CO,F,S) & Princh Davis 1	A-6-0	70
				R Firench	
1	141	0005	DRANGE PLACE 20 (F.G.S) B Dennitro 7-8-8	H PORSO (5)	¥
2	13	(17)	JATO DANCER SO (C.D.F) J ARIAM 3-8-4		
3	(131	-000	FABREY STURE 46 (DUF) N Borry 5-8-3	A Nicholts (5)	64
4	(12)	OBBO	RED RISK 14 P Hanks 3-8-1	M Henry	55
5	(5)	S006	NATIALES PET 15 J C Poulton 3-8-0	. A Mustay	53
·Z	Burts	41	The Green Grey, 8-1 Moonstone, 8-1 Mr Ro	unt 10-1 Danc	AG.

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١	mate	UIS:	£2,474: 1m 11 209yd) (17)	
		-120		49
		4044	XYLEM 28 (D.F.G.S) J Gooden 7-11-7 C Renson (3)	57
		3061	ROSKAN REEL 15 (CD.F) & L Moore 7-11-5 Mrs. J Moore	50
	(17)	0452	KYSTERY GLEST ZT (BF) M Pressuit 3-10-13 C Vigous	25
	(7)	1001	TALIAR 19 (D.F.G) T Keeltly 6-10-11 . Mrs H Keeltly (5)	35
	(13)	3206	GROOMS GOLD 21 (RF.D.F.) P Hards 6-10-10 T McCarthy	_54
	111)	430	FACLED TO HET 4 (V.D.F.) N Lithroden 5-10-6 JT-Monts (5)	145 45
	(9)	3310	MACHELL 23 (B.C.G) C.L. Moore 4-10-5 P Collins (7)	45
	116	0035	PROLED MONK 12 (5) M R Booley 5-9-13 S J Edwards (7)	47
		6000	ANCHOR VENTURE 23 (DJT) 0 Chapman 5-9-11	
	,		Miss R Char	k61
	ß	0005	OLUSTICS STROLLER 6 (0.5) R PERSON 7-4-9	
	***		Mrs C Peacock (5	3 48
	163	-	COMIC HILL 35 (V.D.F) J Pastor 7-9-9 Mrs L Pearte	39
	117	7000	REGAL SPLENOGER 9 J Bridger 5-9-8 Mrs 5 Bostey	22
١.			DON'T DROP BOWES 20 (V.CD.F.G) R McGlac 9-9-7	2
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	-		Mks J Falks	
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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Going: heavy (first times races so(t) 2.30 (Sh 1, Onet Star (A McCarthy, 4-1), 2, Troud Softly (16-1), 3, James Dee (7-4 tay), 17 no. Sh (d), 151, P Evera Tote 24 40, £1 40, £4.40, £1.90, DF: £77.30, CSF £55.51.

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5.30 (2m) 1, On The Mat (R Lappin, 14-1) 2, Mondragon (7-1) 3, Mozzelmo (7-2) Spallane 31-4 lay 11 ran NR Pen Friend, Operatic, Duncomber Hall, Robonsun Shd, 2%, J.J. O'Nett Tote, £11,70; £2 60, £3 (0, £1.50 DF £73 40 CSF £102 47 Trease £30,75 Jackpot: not won (pool of \$55,527.68 carried lorward to York today).
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EQUESTRIANISM

Injuries weaken world title defence

By JENNY MACARTHUR

AFTER a dismal week for the Great Britain three-day-event selectors - in which the withdrawal of Owen Moore's Lightfoot, on Monday, was the fourth leading contender to be lost to the team through injury - the selection committee has named the squad of six to travel to the world championships in Rome in October to defend the title Britain won in 1994.

Karen Dixon and Kristina Gifford, members of the 1994 gold medal-winning team, head the list with, respectively, Too Smart and General Jock Gary Parsonage has earned his place with his 1996 Olympic ride, Magic Rogue, and Arme Marie Evans returns to the forefront of the sport with Dutch Treat - 12 years after . making her world champion-ship debut in Gawler,

Australia. With two newcomers to the team - Polly Phillipps: on her Brantham winner, Coral Cove, and Jeanette Brakewell, on Over To You - making up the six, it is, as Giles Rowsell, the chairman of the selectors. admitted a squad "just a bit" different from that originally envisaged.

In the past week, Christopher Bartle's Badminton winner, Word Perfect II, William Fox-Pitt's European team gold and individual bronze medalwinner. Cosmopolitan, Ian Stark's Saucy Brown, who was fourth at Lexington in May, and, most recently. Moore's Lightfoot, who was slightly lame on the near-fore on Monday, have all had to be withdrawn through injury - yet Rowsell is confident that the six riders selected can fulfil medal hopes in Rome. "They are all proven cross-country horses," he said. "We just need some

luck on the day."

General Jock, who has an unblemished four-star record. is the most experienced of the six. Parsonage's reliable Magic Rogue and Dixon's 1994 Punchestown winner. Too Smart, are the only other horses with championship

Brakewell, who, at 24, is the youngest of the six riders, earned her place with Over To You, aged 10, after impressing the selectors both at Blenheim last year, where she was seventh, and again at Badminton leenth. Evans (formerly Taylor), an outstanding junior and young rider, underlined the scope of Anne and Charles Stration's Dutch Treat, 13, when finishing eighth at Punchestown this May.

GREAT BRITAIN TEAM (world champlon-ships, Rome, October 1-4); General Jook IK Gilford), Duch Treat (A M Evans), Too Smart N Doom), Over To You IJ Brakewell), Mayot Roosue (G Parsonage) and Coral Cove IP Philipps), Reserves, The French-man (N Taylor) and Watermark (P Becketti

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL Kick-off 7:30 unless stated Nationwide League Second division

Manchester City v Walsall (7.45) RYMAN LEAGUE. First division: Croydon v Bognor Regis.
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UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier división: Spaiding v Boumo
Wathingtorrough v Minhees Blackstone
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división: Hassocks v Halstram, Sekely v
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Second round: Eastbourne v Oglemod
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Petit's lack of control punished by Wenger

By MATT DICKINSON

IT TAKES a lot to shatter Arsène Wenger's calm façade, but Emmanuel Petit has managed it. The Arsenal midfield player was yesterday fined a week's wages — believed to be around £8,000 — by his manager for being sent off against Charlton Athletic at Highbury on Saturday.

Probably more unsettling and certainly more unexpected for Petit, however, was the blast of vitriot that Wenger is understood to have unleashed at him in the dressing-room shortly after the final whistle of a frustrating 0-0 draw. Petit, who won a World Cup

winner's medal this summer. was initially booked for protesting at Graham Poll's decision not to award Arsenal a penalty and rooments later. clearly incensed, he gave the official no option but to dismiss him for a second caution when he clattered wildly into Shaun

Another player in trouble with his manager yesterday for his attitude to a referee was Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, who criticised Uriah Rennie after his team's 1-0 defeat away to Blackburn Rovers

Walsh had strong words for Rennie after the official had booked seven players and then denied him what he thought was a late penalty. However, Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, said yesterday: "My feeling is that players should not be criticising referees in this manner. I will be taking disciplinary action."

Emile Heskey, the Leicester striker, will decide on his return from duty with England Under-21s in Sweden on Friday whether to sign a new contract at Filbert Street. Leicester want Heskey, 20, to commit himself to a further season.

Kenny Dalglish, replaced as Newcastle United manager by Rund Gullit last week, has enlisted the help of the League Managers Association (LMA) in his legal battle with the club. Dalglish is talking to the LMA's solicitors after he claimed he was dismissed. Newcastle maintain that Dalglish had offered to resign.

Steve Lomas will miss Northern Ireland's opening fier against Turkey because of an ankle injury. The Northern Ireland captain damaged his ankle playing for West Ham United away to Coventry City on Saturday.

Andy Goram, the former Rangers and Scotland goalkeeper, has joined Notts County, of the Nationwide League second division, on a shortterm arrangement.

Redknapp ready to try his luck again

Matt Dickinson on the England midfield player hoping for a new start in Sweden

The fourth coming of Jamie Redknapp as an international footballer is upon us, but one hesitates before heralding it with too much ceremony. On past experience, no sooner has the Liverpoot player walked on to the England stage than he falls through a hidden trapdoor.

For a man who otherwise seems blessed with so much good fortune, the 25-year-old has endured a wretched time at the highest level of the game, where his appearances have been at the whim of fitness rather than form. Eight caps is a meagre haul for a player so feted by the past two England coaches.

Unfailingly polite, Red-knapp speaks of his misfor-tune without once pleading for sympathy. As the hushand of glamorous pop star. Louise, the possessor of good tooks of his own and having earned enough money to retire a wealthy man tomorrow, he can appreciate that his lot is not such a bad one.

It would be surprising, though, if Redknapp had not occasionally let out an anguished cry of "why me?" as he has had to struggle back from repeated injuries, and few will begrudge him a place in the England XI on Saturday if, as seems increasingly likely, he is selected by Glenn Hoddle for the opening European championship qualifying match in Sweden.

With David Beckham, Nicky Butt and David Batty unavailable, the England coach will probably choose two from Redknapp, Robert Lee and Paul Scholes to accompany Paul Ince in midfield. With only one start for Liverpool this season, Red-knapp is short of matches, but looks in better form than Lee

That is assuming the Liverpool man does not trip over a trolley at Luton airport tomorrow morning or pick up a groin strain reaching for the overhead locker. You do start to get paranoid about things." he said at Bisbam Abbey this week, and one can hardly

blame him. No sooner had Redknapp arriving as a half-time substitute, prompting England's goals against Scotland in Euro 96, than the snap of a hamstring brought a cruel and untimely curtailment to his tournament.

Having worked his way into Hoddle's plans with two



Despite his repeated misfortune with injuries during his international career, Redknapp has never bemoaned his luck, Photograph: Marc Aspland

appearances from the bench, his first start, against South Africa in May 1997 at Old Traf-ford, ended with a broken an-kle. It was his last appearance in a full England side.

While Redknapp was in-cluded in the initial squad of 30 for the World Cup, a knee injury meant be did little more than tan his heart-throb features. So when he said that he "could have had more then eight caps but for the injuries", he is teumg

the story. In Hoddle, he certainly has a committed fan. There are those who worry, despite Redknapp's attempts to become more robust, that he is not ferocious enough in the central midfield scuffles so prevalent in the FA Carling Premier-ship. Even with Paul Ince alongside him, one would

'No sooner had his arrival prompted England's goals than he was out of the tournament'

prefer Keane and Butt or Vieira and Petit to play for

With more time at international level and in the absence of Beckham, though, Redknapp's measured passing seems to make him an ideal stand-in and his club partnership with Ince, which flourished in the thrashing of Newcastle United on Sunday, is likely to be retained by

"We are obviously different players but we play well together, there's no doubt about that," Redknapp said. Incey keeps you on your toes because he never stops

moaning, and we work well like that."

Who better, also, to supply the bullets for Michael Owen, assuming the prodigy cannot do everything on his own, than his Antield colleague? "I have never played with anyone as quick as him," Redknapp said. "It frightens everyone. Defenders back off when he gets the ball because they can't deal with it. It is great for me because you can hit a bad ball and the next thing, he is on to it and it is a great pass."

If Redknapp is to hit the balls for Owen to chase, it will

be from midfield rather than sweeper, with Hoddle back-tracking from his intention of rebuilding the Liverpool play-er into an English version of Matthias Sammer, the Germany sweeper. "It is on the back-burner," Redknapp said. "I have always thought of my-self as a midfield player first and foremost." He did not trot out the cliche about being happy to play anywhere, but then after his run of injuries, he did not need to.

RUGBY UNION

Unhappy Burke moves to Cardiff

By MARK SOUSTER

AFTER their recent turmoit. Bristol must have thought the worst was over, but only five days before the start of the new season they received another setback when Paul Burke, their Ireland international fly half and captain, left the club amid some acrimony.

Burke, 25, has opted for a two-year contract with Cardiff rather than an uncertain future at Bristol, where Bob Dwyer, the new director of rugby. has put the entire squad on a four-month trial.

Burke is the fifteenth player to leave Bristol since they were relegated in May, and his departure to the Arms Park is among the most significant. He said: "I kept Bristol fully informed about the situation with Cardiff hoping they would get back to me. But I was told they could not offer me anything other than a fourmonth holding contract. I am very disappointed by the whole situation," He makes his Cardiff debut

on Saturday in the meeting with Bedford, a match that has still not been officially approved by the Rugby Football

The Welsh Rugby Union general comminee meets tomorrow to decide what sanctions, if any, will be taken against Cardiff for playing Sale in a friendly last Friday at Heywood Road. Whatever the outcome, there is no doubt that the prospect of game-with England's top clubs has captured the public imagination in Wales. In three days Swansea have sold two thirds of the number of season tickets bought last year, while Cardiff have sold more than 2,000 sea-

son tickets.

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed that Man Burke, the Australia full back, will miss the autumn tour to Britain because of a serious shoulder injury. Burke is not expected to play again for seven months after being injured against New Zealand last Saturday. Elsewhere Silas Nkanunu has been appointed the first black president of the South Africa Rugby Football Union. Nkanunu, 65, a lawyer, succeeds Louis LuyL

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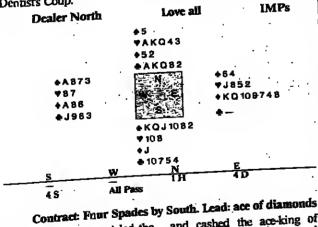
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The Israeli declarer playing against Britain in the recent EU championships missed a chance to perform the aptly named Dentist's Coup.



West (David Mossop) led the ace of diamonds and switched to a club in response to East's three, a low card requesting a switch to the lowest-ranking suit East (Tom Townsend) ruffed the club and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played the king of spades to West's ace. Mossop could tell from the bidding that East would have no more trumps, so he accurately played back a heart, stranding declarer in dummy. Declarer had no way back to hand without promoting West's nine of trumps, so the contract went one off. A competent dentist would

and cashed the ace-king of hearts, extracting West's good exit-cards, before playing on spades. This prevents the trump promotion, as when has to give declarer the lead in a black suit. The only time the West has started with a singleton. In that case West could have beaten the contract by switching to a heart at trick both of their ruffs in the round-

Robert Sheehan writes on

have diagnosed this condition, WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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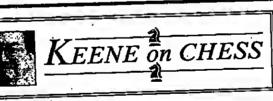
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bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

OBLIGADO a. An accompaniment

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b. An Arctic snipe c. The Tsarina's sister Answers on page 38



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Katabasis

Anatoly Karpov, the Fide world champion, appears to have reached the nadir of his fortunes. After losing a speed match to Judit Polgar earlier in the year, Karpov has now logged what is probably the worst tournament performance of his life in a mediumstrength event in Poland. Any lingering belief that he is the true world champion after this catastrophe must have been completely dispelled. Today t give one of his losses from the tournament. White: Mikhail Krasenkow

Black: Anatoly Karpov Polanica, Zdroj 1998 Queen's Gambit Declined 4 Nc3

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Diagram of final position



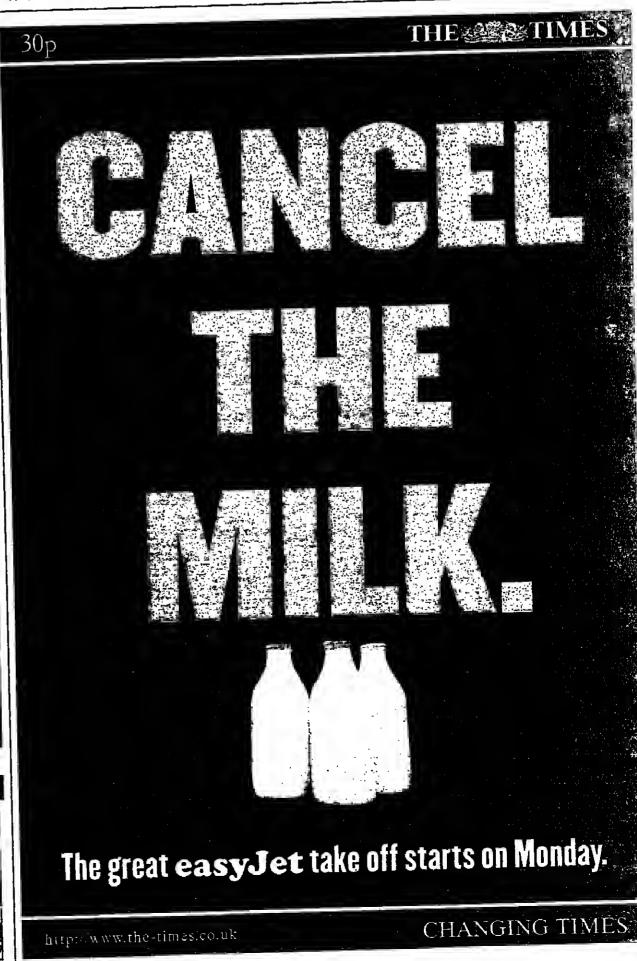
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Houska -Stephenson, British championship 1998. In this apparently quiet middlegame position White found a way to gain a decisive material advantage. What did he play?

Solution on page 38





Murali the magician on Laker's lofty plane

o the England side and those closest to that the pitch for the last Test match of the summer could have been tailor-made to suit the Sri Lankans. On anything even slightly greener and grassier, England might very well have won as easily as they lost. Had that happened, though, the cricket would have been nothing like so entertaining. What we caught at the Oval

was a glimpse, as revealing as it was evocative, of a game at which England once excelled but which is now more or less obsolete in this country. Until the covers went on the wickets nearly 20 years ago, England's leading batsmen were the best in the world at playing the turning ball and their bowlers the best at exploiting it. Today, they are among the most mept. This is hasically because, on covered pitches and with quicker bowling as the staple diet of the English game, they are denied the chance to learn.

Muralitharan does bowl most wonderfully well. I should love to have seen what Denis Compton, a marvellous player of off spin when he still had the use of two sound legs. would have made of him at the Oval — or, for that matter, any of the other great, quickfooted players of slow bowl- when England were bowled ing, or such

renowned "lappers" of outside the stump into the vacant leg-side spaces as D. J. Insole

Smith. Compton was always off spinners through extra cover, jumping out to the pitch of the ball before it had a chance to turn. On Monday, though, by when Murali was combining unerring accuracy with sometimes prodigious ping flight, even he would have found it anything but

The bounce may occasionally have been more spiteful at Old Trafford in 1956, but Jim Laker certainly turned the ball no more when taking his 19 for 90 against Australia then than Murali did at the Oval now. The Australians were hopelessly at sea against that sort of bowling in those days, wonderfully so if you were an Englishman watching their torment, particularly when Tony Lock was Laker's nartner. Laker was not. 1 think, as big a spinner of the ball as Murali, por did he bowl the occasional genuine leg break, as the Sri Lankan does, but he was every hit as accurate and he had a lot more batsmen caught at slip with the leg-to-off drifter

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passes judgment on the Sri Lanka spinner

terms with Laker is no more than Murali deserves. He is a phenomenon. It is only a pity that his action has become such a bone of contendon. Except for Lock himself, those tions in the 1950s happened to be mostly Australians, with the throw originating at the elbow. Jimmy Burke, for example, who bowled Peter May with an off break when he had made 92 in the Sydney Test match of 1958-59, had an action unconscionably similar to a dart player's; the equally congenial lan Meckiff, who took six for 38

Melbourne 'Even Compton would have found

looking to make room to hit being rattled by Lock's quicker ball, batsmen were known to ask the umpire whether they had been bowled or run

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The last slow bowler to come to England and wreak such havoc as Murali, with anything other than an orthodox action, was Sonry Ramadhin, of West Indies, whose figures in the Lord's Test of 1950 (115-70-152-11) bear comparison with Murali's at the Oval (113.5-41-220-16). Like Murali, Ramadhin was called a time or two for throwing. but in his case, too, it was the elbow, not the wrist, upon which the controversy focused. When, in 1960, the Imperial Cricket Conference. as it then was, held a special meeting at Lord's to consider the growing problem of throwing. Sir Oonald Bradman flew over especially for it, a sighting as rare in these islands, once his playing days were done, as a Dartford

warbler. It was agreed that "the bowler shall be at liberty to use the wrist freely in the



banned, the game will be the loser, so salutary is his influence, so marvellous his dexterity, so refreshing his success. For the great majority of spinners, life is so unrewarding in the modern game that it would not be entirely inexpedient to allow

them to throw.

For some years now, certainly since the Sri Lankans won the last World Cup, their

playgrounds have been filled with children playing not football, as they do almost everywhere else in the world. but cricket, and trying to bowl not off a long run at a frantic pace, but experimenting with twiddly, spiralling spin. It

will be even more so now. If England, for their part. seek consolation for the defeat on Monday, let it come from their experience in 1954 when. also before departing for Australly they lost at the Oval. luxuriant island's alfresco albeit with an experimental

never previously come anywhere near to winning a Test match in England. At Adelaide, five months later, England retained the Ashes. We'll not dwell for the moment on the great and famous bowlers England could afford to leave behind when the good ship Orsova slipped anchor at Tilbury, other than to say that Laker, Lock and F.S. Trueman were among them. What riches: what reserves:

what memories!

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England wheel spins full circle for popular veteran of county game

Deter Such was in Upminster yesterday, playing in a benefit match to raise funds for his club. The Essex off spinner was the real beneficiary, however, and he was still pinching himself after hearing of his summons for the England tour of Australia.

LAURENCE GRIFFITHS LALLSPOR

At a time when many cricketers are preparing for the autumn of their careers, Such was feeling as frisky as a ram in spring.

His dominant feelings, besides pleasure, were "surprise more than anything, because it has been quite a while". In fact, it has been four years since he won the last of his eight Test caps, against New Zealand. Since then, he has county cricket as the selectors have gone for younger

"I had not given up hope of playing." Such said. "I felt that I had neither lost nor gained ground, though I have not had a great season. If I've been ignored for four years when I've been taking wickets, they're not likely to select me when I'm

This has been the hardest vear I've known. Most spin bowlers have found it a bit of a struggle, with the damp weather and the pitches not giving us much help, and that has been reflected in everybody's figures."

Such's whole career has been a bit of a struggle. Growing up at Trent Bridge, where the pitches were produced to assist Richard Hadlee and the other Nottinghamshire seamers, he was released, only to find Grace Road far from ideal for an aspiring off spinner. It was only when he left LeicesMichael Henderson finds that

Peter Such is delighted to be back in the international frame

tershire for Essex in 1990 that he found himself playing regular first-team cricket.

Three years later, he was a Test bowler and at once a successful one, as he took six for 67 on his England debut. against Australia at Old Trafford. England lost the match, though, and the series and Such returned to the county ranks, where life has

Such: unexpected recall

shared in two county champtributed to victories in both one-day competitions, so nobody can say that it has been an unfulfilled career.

Such has toured Australia twice already with the England A team and is looking forward immensely to life as a member of the senior squad. "I love it over there,"

he said. "It's a fantastic place to play cricket.

There are always too-class practice facilities. If we had facilities like that, we might do rather better."

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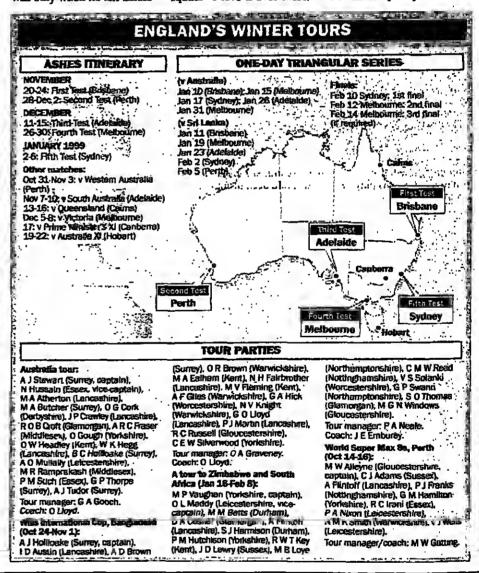
Like everybody else - except, it seems, David Lloyd --Such greatly enjoyed the rare delight that Muttiah Muralitharan provided at the Oval It was fantastic bowling. I think he must be a genius. Such said:

match on television and he turns the ball the way Warney does, with the same speed and bounce. It was a great exhibition. You just have to stand back and admire somebody like that." For other members of the

spinning fraternity, this has Such has taken only 31 firstclass wickets and Robert Croft, his fellow "Offie", has taken 13 fewer. "I can't think. of another season like it." Such said. "It hurts a bit. After a while, you begin to think: 'Am I spinning it?' ".

When England went to Australia ló years ago, they took three off spinners - Vie Marks. Eddie Hemmings and Geoff Miller. Now they have opted once again to go there without a left-armer or a wrist spinner and Such begins the tour on an equal footing with Croft.

Whatever I'm selected for, I always want to play and to do well," he said. "I am going there with the same expectation as everybody else.



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TAUNTON. (Worcestershire won toss): Somerset, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs behind Worcestershire

IT has become commonplace to refer to Andrew Caddick and Graeme Hick as the enigmas of their generation: a bowler good enough to have taken more wickets than any other this season and a batsman who recently completed his hundredth first-class century. Yet neither will feature in the Ashes series this winter.

This latest entry to a catalogue of international disappointments will have hurt more than most before, however. Through their omis-sions, the selectors have betrayed a lack of confidence ever, that has done the talking

BRISTOL (first day of four,

Gloucestershire won tossj:

Gloucestershire, with five

first-innings wickets in hand,

tead Northamptonshire by 27

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S

chances of winning the Bri-

tannic Assurance county championship may have all

but disappeared, but they

made better progress yester-

day than the three teams

above them. For this they had

to thank, as so often in the

past, their redoubtable seam

attack - Courtney Walsh and

Mike Smith especially - and

the way that they exploited a

damp, green pitch on a day in

- the chief cause of North-

amptonshire's dismissal for

123 - brought his tally of

championship wickets this

Also a notch or two above

everyone else, when it came to

batting, was Robert Cunliffe.

of Gloucestershire, who made

the only half-century of the

day, showing excellent tech-

nique against the moving ball

and taking his side into the

season to 85. Overseas players come and go, but Walsh is

something else.

Walsh's return of six for 38

which 15 wickets fell.

By Thrasy Petropoulos

in character rather than ability in both players. Evidently, performance alone can no longer guarantee attention.

It is difficult, therefore, to know whether Caddick's eightwicket haul yesterday was a glorious riposte to the selectors, proving conclusively the error of their ways, or cause for further frustration, another indication of what England are missing out on.

In the past, Caddick has not helped himself when things have not gone his way, notably in Trinidad earlier this year, when he reacted angrily to criticism by David Lloyd, the England coach, that he had squandered helpful bowling conditions during a Test defeat.

lead with only three wickets

down in the face of good bowling, especially from

It is difficult to imagine a

worse start than that made by

Northamptonsbire, Only a

single was on the board when

Mal Loye was leg-before to

Smith in the eighth over - and he was third out. No

fewer than nine overs had

been bowled before Alan

Peoberthy managed to notch

the first run from the

. Montgomerie had been leg-

before to the first ball that he

received and Alec Swann had

seen his middle stump uproot-

ed by Walsh before Loye

succumbed. Penberthy and

Sales found batting was easi-

er once Walsh and Smith.

were rested, but, by the time

that Hancock, in his first over,

Walsh had been brought back

down for 39. First to go was Sales, hit on the back foot and

palpably in front, and those that followed were simply

swept away. Only Franklyn

Rose, who was dropped be-

fore he scored, looked like

achieving double figures.

The last five wickets went

had accounted for Penberthy,

and was rampant.

David Follett.

had both been caught by Trescothick at slip early on, It is Caddick's bowling, how-In the context of the match, the battle between Caddick and Hick promised to be a Redoubtable Walsh great one. Where Caddick was revitalised, though, Hick cut a jaded and distracted figure at the crease. He needed 44 balls crushes resistance to get off the mark and was dropped at slip, off Tresco-thick, on two. Batting as if By JACK BAILEY from memory, he somehow

> catch. The best batting came from Vikram Solanki, who showed. during his innings of 47, the flowing drives that have earned him selection for the England A tour to Zimbabwe and South Africa, Yet this was to be Caddick's day in the sun and, during a spell of three for eight after lunch, Solanki was pinned leg-before and Rhodes

had made it to 44 and then cut

Caddick to backward point.

where Bowler took a good

since his return from the

Caribbean. He has now taken

50 wickets in his past ten first-

class innings, seven of which

have come in hauls of five-

wicket or more, and, with 88

dismissals to date, he is well

on course to become the first

Somerset bowler since Ian Botham in 1978 to reach the

Bowling with sustained

menace, he cut a swath through the Worcestershire

batting after Hick, captaining

in the absence of Tom Moody.

had won the toss and elected to

bat. There was to be no other

outcome once Phil Weston and

Abdul Hafeez, the openers,

100 mark in a season.

edged to first slip.
It was at this stage that Steffan Jones intervened with the wicket of Stuart Lampitt, but Caddick came back by dismissing Gavin Haynes, for a feisty 57. Duncan Catterall, making his first-class debut, for a duck, both to leg-side catches, and David Leatherdale, bowled late on a drive. By this time, the jubilant celebrations had been replaced by a slow walk towards the wicketkeeper and a wry grin; the irony of the situation had become fully apparent. Whatever the ultimate futility of the feat, this was a gesture

of defiance on grand scale. When Somerset began their reply, they lost Piran Holloway shortly before the



White, the Hampshire opener, fends off a difficult delivery from Johnson

Sting fails to stop Tufnell

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 146 runs behind

ON A day when Giles White, with his fourth first-class century of the season, and Dmitri Mascarenhas confirmed their growing reputations, it was perhaps inevitable that Phil Tufnell, the Middlesex spinner, would be the focal figure of the day - and a painful one it turned out to be. Left out of the England touring party in the morning, be suffered at the hands of White and Mascarenhas before having to make a brief, hobbling departure from the field when a wasp flew up his trouser leg and stung him on the knee.

Ignored ali summer while

BY BARNEY SPENDER

Robert Croft, Ashley Giles and Ian Salisbury conjured up two wickets between them in six Test matches, it was hardly a surprise that he should miss out on the Ashes tour, but, wisely, be chose to sidestep suggestions that his omission had more to do with his record off the field, than on it. "I don't get involved in

dark theories," he said. Tufnell bowled well enough yesterday, getting the odd ball to bite, and celebrated the dismissal of Robin Smith. drawn down the pitch and stumped, like Stan Laurel with bis trousers on fire. But it was left to Chris Batt and Richard Johnson, his Middlesex colleagues, to put his team in control.

Middlesex started the day

437, a total boosted by 69 extras, which is a Hampshire record. With their bowlers heing fined £2 for each no ball, it is proving to be a costly end of season in more ways than one.

Needing 288 to avoid the follow-on, Hampshire slipped to 124 for five before White and Mascarenhas added 119 in 20 overs. White, who came into this game with scores of 58, 156, 13 and 95 not out, cast aside his stolid image to race through his second fifty in 44 balls. He hit 17 fours before falling leg-before to Chris

Mascarenhas struck an impressive 63 from 89 balls to save the follow-on, before three wickets in one over from Johnson ensured that Middlesex still held the upper hand.

TENNIS

Memories spur Agassi to turn back the clock

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

ACCORDING to Andre Agassi, he has great memories of this city "and this is also a court that I play well on". In the old days, that might have been the problem with him the tennis was fun, but the lifestyle was even better. Now a little older and, allegedly, a little wiser, the slightly more sober Agassi claims to have only tennis on his mind at the

On Monday night, he pol-ished off one of France's young pretenders, Sebastien Grosjean, 20, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4. It was a pleasant workout on a clear night and one that was not going to test the former champion too much, Grosiean makes up for his lack of inches - he stands a meagre 5ft 9in against the giants of the modern game - with a quick mind and quicker feet, but while he may have impressed Agassi, he was not going to huri him, not here at any rate.

Put Agassi on home turf, or asphalt, and he is a happy man. He has never travelled particularly well, winning most of his otles on this side of the pond, but let him loose at the US Open and he thrives on the atmosphere. This year, he has kept one eye on Flushing Meadows as he hauled his way back up the rankings and now that he is back in town, he is talking tough.

"Every tournament is an opportunity to make a stand and this is top of the list," he said. This is as good an opportunity to win a grand slam as any.

Grosjean is the opposite of everything that Agassi represents. Bright and with a good sense of humour, he has a reputation of being a remarkably sporting chap. Last week in Boston, for instance, play-ing against Michael Chang in the semi-finals, he gave away a game point to the American, feeling that a service that had been called out was, in fact, an

The nearest thing to rebellion apparent in Grosjean's play is his habit of wearing his baseball cap back to front. At the same age. Agassi was driving everyone crazy with his antics and being paid fortunes for doing so.

The money may still be flowing for Agassi, but he has finally realised that there is a huge price to pay for wasting your talent. His 12 years on the circuit have yielded just three

grand slam titles and his label of being the most talented player of his generation is wearing a little thin the longer he waits to win his fourth. This summer, he has put together an impressive run, winning two tournaments, reaching another final and notching up good match results. Only Par Rafter, of Australia, has done

Still, he had to play to beat Grosjean. "I feel like a lot of balls you think you can hurt him on, he actually strikes them even better." Agassi said. there, it means a lot to me to be here. You wait all year for this event and all of a sudden it's time to go. It's a feeling like no other.

Agassi is looking confident and, more importantly, fit. ")t all boils down to playing well



Agassi: on home ground

at the right time," he said, stating the blindingly obvious. With a huge following wherever he goes in the United States and with many of the top men having inconsistent results, the expectation has been growing all year that the shaven-headed hero can relive his greatest memorles.

"I haven't played my best tennis yet and, with the level of players here, I know I will be forced to execute, to step it up," he said. Yet it has been more than three years since he was slam. Agassi will have to conjure up more than great memories of New York if he is to do it again.

Rod Laver, 60, has been allowed to return home to Newport Beach, California, after suffering a stroke in July. The Australian will have to undergo therapy for up to a

SPORT

IN BRIEF

Morgan's

suffering

continues

SNOOKER: Injuries

sustained during the summer

prevented Terry Murphy

qualifying round of the

from taking part in the final

European Open at Plymouth

insurmountable handicap for

was forced to withdraw after

breaking an ankle while playing football and Morgan,

yesterday and provided an

Darren Morgan. Murphy

who sustained damaged

and bruised ribs in a car

that he had followed the

former Wales and British Isles rugby international. Morgan decided to

continue. Crossing the pain

however, as he lost 5-3 to

Tony Knowles. "I feel like

machine," Morgan, who

■ BASEBALL: Sammy

Sosa, of the Chicago Cubs,

became the leading scorer

of home runs with Mark

Cardinals, when he hit his

55th of the season during

Reds at Wrigley Field on

Monday night. Both Sosa

course to break the record

Roger Maris, of the New

BOWLS: Jenny Judd, 17.

and McGwire are on

of 61 home runs set by

York Yankees, in 1961.

an agricultural college

the 5-4 defeat of Cincinnati

McGwire, of St Louis

I've been through a mincing

entered the arena on crutches.

barrier was in vain.

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ligaments, a dislocated hip

accident, must have wished

Against the advice of his

surgeon, J. P. R Williams, the

Rejected Smith steadies the ship

EDGRASTON (first day of four. Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 190 for six wickets against Warwickshire

BEN SMITH is one of several county cricketers who must have spent much of yesterday wondering if the England selectors ever take any notice of their performances in the Britannic Assurance Championship. Fortunately for Leicestershire, his disappointment at failing to find a place or, any of the winter tours did not put him off his game.

Their good fortune in being able to play at all, while Surrey and Lancashire were being held up by the weather, was balanced by the fact that Warwickshire have at last begun to show why they were the pre-season favourites.

In recognition of the importance of this fixture. Warwickshire, who are now looking for the consolation prize of qualification for next season's Super Cup, rolled out the "Brumbrella" for the first time in a

looking pitch, but Leicester-shire had slumped to 53 for four before Smith revived them with an unbeaten 82. There was some bounce and

movement for Brown and Giddins, another who had to swallow his disappointment after failing to win over the selectors with his 70 wickets

this season, and they took

advantage of it to remove both

openers inside nine overs.

Wells, playing back to Brown,

was taken by Piper and Maddy was leg-before going

Sutcliffe got Leicestershire

nowhere against Giddins.

Play in the championship matches between Surrey, the leaders, and Yorkshire at Headingley, and Lancashire, who were third, and Derbyshire at Old Trafford was washed out yesterday.

championship match all summer and managed to salvage 48 overs from the rain. It turned out to be a mixed blessing for Leicestershire.

Simmons, still captaining the side even though Lewis is back in it, chose to bat on a decentmoving with a flurry of drives on both sides of the wicket. which had brought him five fours in 24 when Munton, who has not stopped taking wickets since returning to the Warwickshire side three matches ago, plunged Leicestershire into further trouble. In his first over. Sutcliffe

tucking a short ball off his hip, was well caught by Brown at leg gully: in his second, Simmons, pushing outside off stump, was caught behind. So it was left to Smith to

sustain Leicestershire - and how well he did it. He has always been a conscientious player and now he could not have been more posiove, cutting and pulling fiercely and clipping the ball crisply off his toes as he moved to his fifty off 61 halls with nine fours.

FOR THE RECORD

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Priedrama 2 AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago White Sox 4 Baturnore 1, Boston S Seattle 1, Cleveland 15 Celdend 6, Texas 13 Detroit 2, Minnesota 2 Tampa Bay 1.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH: Derbyshire by Bedford-shire 117-116 (at Eaton Socon)

TEXACO UNDER-17 COUNTY CHAMP-(ONSHIP: Centerbury: Devon 184 (D Court 61 not out: M Devies 5-23), Durham 185-4 (G Prati 87), Durham won by 8b: Wickets

Monday's late results NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Utd 3 Crewe 1 Second division: Northempton 0 Lincoln 0 Third division: Rothemam 0 Mansheld 0

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GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS: Leading positions:
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15, J Pamenk (Swe) 6.29; 18, S Ploch (US)
5.87; 17, J Leonerd (US) 5.75; 18, T Lehman
(US) 5.56, 19, T Watson (US) 5.57; 20, M
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(Sp) 5.21; 22, B Watts (US) 5.50; 23, L
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(US) 4.67; 27, B Langer (Ger) 4.55, 28, S
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(Phij) 3.11; 49, C Perny (Aus) 3.03; 50, J
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MOTOR RACING

BRANDS HATCH: RAC British Touring Car championship: Round 21: A Reid (GB, Niesan Primera GT) 25min 31 825eec, 2. J Thompson (GB, Honda Accord) at 2509sec; 3. R Rydeli (Swe, Volvo S40) 3.542 Other British placings: 4, 0 Lesie (Niesan Primera GT) 4716, 7, J Plato (Niesan Primera GT) 4716, 7, J Plato (Niesan Primera GT) 21.843, 12, T Niedell (Niesan Primera GT) 21.843, 12, T Niedell (Niesan Primera GT) 21.914; 13, J Birlotifis (Aud) A4) 22.393; 14, R Gravett (Honda Accord) 24 821; 15, T Hanry (Peupot 405) 25.244, Did not limish: 0 Wanwick, W Hoy, M Lemmer and N Mercell Round 22, 1,

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C Hewin Bade LONDON: BT RYA youth matich-racing championships (after three days): 1, A Rochardson (Nothinghamshive); 2, M Camp-bell James (E Susses); 3, S Shaw (Hampshiva); 4, J Greenland (Dorsat), 5, A Halme (Lancashive)

SNOOKER

SPEEDWAY

Lucic (Cro) bt V. Boogeri (Holi) 6-3, 6-2. N Sawamatsu Liapan) bt C Tomaris Valend (Sp) 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, R Boblova (Cz) bt J Okrada (Hawai) 6-2, 6-2 J Kruger (SA) bt B Rittiner (Gari 6-1, 6-3, 1 Trail (LS) bt M Diaz-Olina (Arg) 6-6, ret. L Raymond (LS) bt M A Sanchez Corenzo (Sp) 6-3, 6-3, 7-2 Autuspa (Col) bt R Grande (ti) 6-4, 6-4, L Golares (fi) bt C Morani (US) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, McNeil (US) bt S Revies (US) 4-5, 6-4, 6-1, M Vento (Ven) bt M Sema (Sp) 6-7, 7-5, 6-4

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FOOTBALL

student from Pontypool, and Doris Woodley, from Rodbourne Cheney, near Swindon, defeated Maureen Bessell, from Yeovil, the new

Franks shows pace to prove a point value that may yet affect the

By JOHN STERN

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): England Under 19 have a first-innings lead of 64 against Pakistan Under-19

PAUL FRANKS was in the mood to prove a point yesterday. The Nottinghamshire allrounder, who can count himself exceedingly unlucky not to be going to Zimbabwe and South Africa this winter. took four Pakistan wickets and sent Hasan Raza, their best batsman, to hospital with a crack on the finger.

Hasan returned later and hit an entertaining 60 off 49 balls, including two straight sixes, which enabled Pakistan Under-19 to save the follow-on with their last pair at the crease. Irfan Fazil, the No II, had the temerity to hit Grove, the quickest England bowler. for four consecutive boundaries and brought up his fifty off only 46 balls. This tenthwicket partnership, which added 104 in only 16 overs. turned from an annoyance for England into a stand of some

outcome of this third NatWest four-day international.

Earlier, Grove and Logan, England's own last-wicket pair, had taken their stand to 106 with similarly carefree hitting — and their side's total to 423. Franks, who is top of the

Nottinghamshire county championship bowling averages, extracted bounce from an easy-paced pilch, to the alarm of the Pakistan batsmen. He had Inam-ul-Haq. the opener, caught behind off a lifter in the third over and Grove bowled Bazid Khan, the

Hasan retired hurt and Faisal Iqbal, his replacement, was out first ball, caught well low down by Shah at second slip off Franks. Zayyad Qayyum was leg-before and, three balls later, Humayun Farhat was caught at deep square leg. Imran Nazir, who made 90 in the previous game at Taunion, played another innings of substance, making 65 before edging Haywood to Shah at slip.

Maynard finding century elusive Robin Martin-Jenkins after

BY RUPERT COX

HOVE (second day of four): Sussex, with all second-innings in hand, are 21 runs behind Glamorgan

HAVING scored centuries in each of his 14 seasons in the first-class game, since his debut hundred in 1985, Matthew Maynard's proud record now lies under threat. Nonetheless, the Glamorgan captain's dominant 94 thrust his team into the ascendancy at Hove yesterday. Maynard, who scored his

last century at Taunton as Glamorgan clinched the Britannic Assurance county championship last summer, mixed ferocious pulls with a series of clinical straight drives to such good effect that the afternoon session produced 175 runs, although Tony Cottey mustered only 27 of a fourth-wicket stand of 102 in 24 overs. However, in sight of a well-

deserved hundred, Maynard.

coming back for a second run,

was beaten by the return from

of the second second

an imnings that lasted only 109 balls and was embellished by 16 fours and a six. Cottey then grabbed the reins and completed a disciplined 91 from 134 balls before three wickets in five balls revitalised Sussex's hopes. Darren Thomas, celebrat-

ing his inclusion in the England A tour party, had polished off the Sussex first innings in the morning for the addition of 19 runs. Jason Lewry edged a lifter to the wicketkeeper before Thomas took his 65th wicket of the summer when Nick Wilton sliced to backward point. The Glamorgan's opening

batsmen quickly settled into a canter, posting 79 by the lunch interval. Wayne Law again impressed with some flamboyant strokeplay, but it was his eagerness to dominate that proved his undoing. Driving loosely at Mark Robinson, he edged to second slip. Two balls later, Alun Evans was trapped leg-before and Lewry then induced an edge from Adrian Dale.

SAILING BRIGHTON: Southern Area champion-shipe: 1, S Goacher and P Evans 362 lpts. 2. A Bex and B Masternan 3611, 3, C Apthorp and O Apthorp 3591, 4, M Hart and C Newton 3646

PLYMOUTH PAVILIONS: European Open: Final qualifying round; B Jones (Eng) bt B Morgan (Eng) 5-2 G Greene (Eng) bt B Morgan (Eng) 5-3. Throwise (Eng) bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-3. O Herm (Aus) bt J Bumett (Scoi) 5-2 D Dale (Wales) bt M Fu (HiC) 5-1: M Couch (Eng) bt C Small (Scoi) 5-3. L Walner (Wales) bt G Widneson (Eng) 5-4; G Dott (Scoi) to G Home (Scoi) 5-3. J Michie (Eng) wo T Murphy (N Ins)

ELITE LEAGUE: Poole 56 Esstbourne 34, Coventry 48 Swindon 42, Wolverhampton 48 Bello Vue 42 46 Bello Viue 42 PREMIJER LEAGUE: Exeler 49 Reading 41, Newport 45 Peterborough 45, Newcastle 42 Banwick 47, Glasgow 56 Shefield 34, Isle of Wight 59 Arena Essex 30, Reading 59 Exeler 31

TENNIS

NEW YORK: US Open: Men: First round: B Bryan (US) bit M Cinturis (SA) 3-6. 6-7. 6-1. 8-4. 6-4; W Arthurs (Jus) bit C Costa (Sp) 6-3. 5-7. 6-4. 6-4; W Black (Zm) bit J Gemeisto (US) 3-6. 7-5. 2-3. ret. A Voinee (Florm) bit A Gaudeno (I) 6-4. 3-6. 8-2. 2-0. ret; O Nainton (SA) bit M Meriden (US) 6-7. 6-0. 6-4. 6-4; S Dosedel (Cu) bit F Downit (Bel) 6-4. 3-6. 6-3. 6-4. B Uffrorch (Cu) bit Sargisten (Am) 6-1. 6-3. 4-6. 6-4. A Voinee (Florm) bit A Gaudeno (II) 6-4. 3-6. 6-2. 2-0. ret; J Stark (US) bit Y Yorg-II (S Kor) 6-2. 6-4. 6-4. D Hrbary (Stovalka) bit M Rosset (Switz) 7-6. 7-6. 7-5. P Goldstain (US) bit A life (Aus) 6-7. 7-6. 6-4. 3-0. ret. J Dem (US) bit A Radulescu (Ger) 4-8. 7-5. 2-1. ret. 6 Cenas (Arg) bit G Blanco (Sp) 6-3. 6-0. 6-2. J Semerith (Holb) bit D Pescaru (Rom) 6-4. 6-3. 3-6. G-2. J Semerith (Holb) bit D Pescaru (Rom) 6-4. 6-3. 3-6. G-2. J Semerith (Holb) bit D Pescaru (Rom) 6-4. 6-3. 3-6. G-2. J Semerith (Holb) bit D Pescaru (Rom) 6-4. 6-3. 3-6. G-3. 7-6. K Ruceta (Stovalka) bit S Campbel (US) 6-6. 6-3. 1-6. 7-6. K Ruceta (Stovalka) bit S Campbel (US) 6-6. 6-3. 1-6. 7-6. K Ruceta (Stovalka) bit S Campbel (US) 6-6. 6-3. 1-6. 1-6. 4. M Philippoussis (Aus) bit C Ruud (Non) 7-6. 6-4. 8-3. S Luneau (Can) bit R Delgado (Pen) 7-5. 7-6. 6-3. J Golmend (Fr) bit J Novek (Cu) 6-3. 6-4. A Mitter (US) bit A Frazia (US) 6-3. 6-4. A Mitter (US) bit A D Ross (Florm) bit E Identivous (Us) bit A D Ross (Florm) bit E Identivous (Us) bit A Tarassignam (The) 7-6. 6-2. B Ropper (US) bit A Tissas (Fr) bit S Dopler (Justina) 6-3. 6-3. (US) bit A Tissas (Fr) bit S Dopler (Justina) 6-3. 6-3. (US) bit A Nova (Cu) bit Schwestz (Austria) bit N Marsen (US) bit A Tissas (Fr) bit S Dopler (Justina) 6-3. 6-3. (US) bit A Nova (Justina) bit N Marsen (Justina) 6-3. 6-3. (US) bit A Nova (Justina) bit N Marsen (Justina) 6-3. 6-3. (US) bit A M Shaughnessy (US) 6-4. 1-6. 6-2. M Minger (Justina) 6-3. 6-3. (US) bit M Shaughnessy (US) 6-4. 1-6. 6-2. M Minger (Justina) 6-3. 6-4. A Cocheteu (US) 1-6. 6-5. Cham (Mustina) bit N Minger (Just

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ATP TOUR RANKINGS: Leading positions: 5, P Sampras, (LS) 3,87805, 2 M Rios (Chie) 3,649, 3, P Refree (Aus) 3,577; 4, P Korda (Cz) 3,174, S R (Kajock (Hoff) 2,720, G Rusedsio (GB) 2,575, 7, A Coneaja (Sp) 2,510, 8, A Agassi (LS) 2,577, 9, X Kusara (Scva) (Sp) 2,511; 10, C Maya (Sp) 2,509, 11, Y Kaleinkov (Pluss) 2,338; 12, J Bjankman (Swe) 2,337, 13, T Horman (GB) 2,256, 11, Y Kaleinkov (Pluss) 2,338; 12, J Bjankman (Swe) 2,337, 13, T Horman (GB) 2,256, 11, Y Kaleinkov (Pluss) 2,338; 12, J Bjankman (Sp) 1,907; 16, A Costa (Sp) 1,881; 17, C Proline (Fr) 1,775, 18, F Martilla (Sp) 1,972, 19, T Engvist (Swe) 1,681; 20, M Cheng (LS) 1,562; 21, J Stermentik (Holf) 1,494, 22, M Philipponusse: (Aus) 1,489, 25, T Master (Austria) 1,381; 24, M Gustalsson (Swe) 1,376, 25, G Ruenten (Br) 1,348, 26, N Vester (Ga) 1,327; 27, T Martin (LS) 1,326, 28, T Master (Ga) 1,327; 27, T Martin (LS) 1,324, 31, B Black (Zim) 1,208; 32, F Samoro (Fr) 1,205, 33, T Johansson (Swe) 1,397, 34, M Lansson (Swe) 1,196, 34, T Hassi (Ger) 1,013; 42, V Spacias (LS) 1,100, 43, D Vacek (Cc) 969; 44, H Arazi (Mor) 989; 45, G Raoux (Fr) 1,328, 33, 48, S Dragor (Aus) 1,267, 40, L Hbaty (Slovalna) 1,064, 41, T Hassi (Ger) 1,013; 42, V Spacias (LS) 1,000, 43, D Vacek (Cc) 989; 44, H Arazi (Mor) 989; 45, F Squillan (II) 788, 55, J Golmand (Fr) 780; 56, N Lagendu (E) 772; 57, J M Gembil (US) 789; 50, M Pustra (Mg) 722; 99, G Pozzi (II) 718; 60, M Sefin (Russ) 715; 61, B Backer (Ger) 712; 62, J Tarango (LS) 705; 63, J Alonso (Sp) 648, 72, O Prinosii (Ger) 644; 73, M Woordorde (Aus) 625; 74, A Medvedev (Ufir) 624, 75, S Grosjean (Fr) 613

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Monkton and Edna English champions, 17-15 in the final of the Darlows Weston-super-Mare Open pairs tournament,

Beware of false gods bearing gifts

drinks cupboard in England, there is a bottle of ouzo. Two drinks have been taken from it. The cap is stuck on with a kind of brown, sugary gunk. It has stood there for five years. It is the living symbol of football's European Super

League.
"We've had such a wonderful holiday, haven't we? And when we get home. I'll cook moussaka every night, we'll have Greek coffee afterwards and we'll have ouzo as an aperitif with a little meze and we'll add the cool water and watch it turn milky in the glass, just as we did every evening of our little sojourn in

And, somehow, the ouzo is never drunk, nor the moussaka cooked. The entire Super League stuff is based on the Ouzo Principle, which is that what we do on our holidays we want to do every day of our lives. And it ain't true.

It is one of the great confi-dence tricks of modern life, the attempt to persuade us that we want every day to be our birthday. We don't. What we want are treats, days that are, lor some reason, set apart from the common run.

A birthday is pleasant because it is special, even for a grown-up. A nice meal, a party, a present or two, a general feeling of being cher-ished. It is different from the other days and that is the point. Treat every day as a treat and you are lost. The European Super League is based on the concept of the daily birthday.

We are already more than halfway there, with the end of the European Cup as we know it, and its replacement with the Champions' League. Oddly enough, the fact that we like sport does not make us morons. We know we are being lied to, we know it is really the Champions' and Runners-Up League. We also know a little about

football. We know that the more matches you play, the chances of the big battalions. A league format favours money, knockout levels the playing field. Who wants a level playing field? Only sports fans — and who cares about

Playing in Europe, once a bonus, has become a financial must for the big clubs, with ever-larger books to balance The FA Carling Premiership SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

presently has eight clubs in European competition, which is rather more than I can get excited about.

The Even More Money proposal for Even More Euro-pean Football (The Fat Cats and Frankly Corpulent Cats League) is equally uninspir-ing. Manchester United versus Juventus is great as a treat, as a European Cup final, but without scarcity value, it is just another football match. Who wants it? There are claims and counter-claims all over the place. Media Partword here is "shadowy" organisation involved in trying to get all the greedy bastards pulling in the same direction, claims that this is "what the fans want".

This claim is contradicted by obscure and unnecessary people called fans. I speak without much irony here: actual fans, who pay actual money to watch football matches, are a decreasingly important factor in big-time football. It is the television audience that

The neutrals, the floating voters, the capricious zappers - these are the people who really matter. The important statistic today is the size of the television audience and its purchasing power. Important to Them. Not Us.

Sir Thomas Beecham defined musicologist as someone who can read music but can't hear it. Most of modern sport is run on the same principal. by musicologists who never tapped a foot in their lives. who never once sang in the street. Something to do with the bottom line.

Of course the European Super League would be a closed shop for the wealthy, an alliance of rich against poor.

ners, the - I think the safe . Of course it would destroy scarcity value and the essential rhythm of treat. Of course it would be be destructive of sporting excellence.

But who cares about sporting excellence? Who has the long-term good of sport as the priority in life? Nobody with any actual power. Those with power are interested in shortierm profits. They have shareholders - shareholders in football clubs, media consortia: consumer goods firms - to

s there anybody at all that has the long-term good of sport as the priority in sporting matters? Just each and every one of us, that's all. All of us who watch the stuff, live or on television. But excellence is being run down before our eyes. Our pleasures are being destroyed in the name of our own pleasures.

Destroyed by people who tell us it is what we really want. Stuff and nonsense What we who watch sport actually want is the essential rhythm of sport routine and treat, humdrum and glorious, victory and defeat, holiday and work. We don't actually

And the starter for ten...

University Challege BBC2, 8.00pm

Teams from the Universities of Bristol and Manchester kick off the new series of the student quiz, with Jeremy Paxman pouncing on their mistakes with all the confidence of somebody who has the answers written down for him. After all these years (the show started back in 1963) it almost goes without saying what a superb formula University Challenge is, providing a serious test of general (and not so general) knowledge and because of its generous scoring system allowing a team to make up an apparently irretrievable deficit and sneak a last minute win. The prospect of a tense finish is one reason for watching. Another is feeling superior at being able to answer questions which stump the experts, though more often it is a case of marvelling at what they do know.

Two Fat Ladies BBC2, 8.30pm

"If you don't want to know the score, look away now" is Jennifer Paterson's witty way of warning the squeamish among us about the impending death of a lobster. Brought to the Far Ladies' kitchen still very much alive and kicking, the poor creature is about to be boiled lifeless, and then begind to precent to make a testy dish for hacked to pieces, to make a tasty dish for Benedictine nuns in Connemara. For all Paterson's levity, it seems a brutal fate. There can be no qualms about the rest of the menu, as Paterson creates a raspberry shortcake and her colleague, Clarissa Dickson-Wright, cooks broad beans with dill and knocks up tomato tartlets. The overweight pair also, as is their word, treat us to an impromptu song and dance.

Deadly Crocodiles TTV. 9.00pm

We first met Steve Irwin, the voluble Australian wildlife expert, when he went in search of the world's ten deadliest snakes. His latest exploit involves a no less fearsome crocodile. The fate of most crocodiles who become a threat to the human population is to lock them up out of harm's way. Irwin thinks there is a better solution, which is to capture the so-called nuisance crocodile, teach it to avoid human beings and release it back into the

Gloria Estefan has sold 25 million records, none of them to me. But I have been missing something, to judge by this opener to a new series, for Estelan's Latin musical roots are the basis for a cheerful hour of rhythmic sounds, aptly starting with The

Rhythm is Gonna Get You. It does, and not just through Estefan's music but also through the sounds of other artists she introduces here. Miami is her base, but her ethnic origins are in Cuba, where she was born in 1957, and the mambo

figures prominently tonight. I was taken aback to hear Gerry and the Pacemakers singing Ferry Cross the Mersey in this programme but Estefan says the Mersey Beat was among her early influences when she arrived in Miami.

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoé Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 To Whitely, Includes 12.30pm Newsbest 3.00 Dave Pearce. Includes 5.45 Newsbest 6.30 The Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Kennode 8.40 John Peet 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00mm Charlie Jordan 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00em Alex Lester 7.30 Serah Kennedy 9.30 Kan Bisuca 12.00 Jiromy Young 2.00em Ed Stewart 5.05 John Duhn 7.00 Nick Berraciough 8.00 Mike Herding 9.00 Gloria Estetan's Sounds of Marri. See Choice 10.00 Top of the Popa on 2

6.00am The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen and Victoria Dertyshire 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News with Jane Garvey 1.00pm Oldroyd and Co 4.00 Nebonwide with Julian Worticler 7.00 News Edra 7.30 John Inverdale's Football Night. Nebonwide football, US Open temils and Grand Prix athletos from Berlin. Including the National Lottery Draw 16.00 Littlefohn 11.00 Late Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night 5.00 Moming Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30mm Chris Evene 9.30 Bobby Hain 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Mark Forrest 7.30 James Mertti 10.00 Paul Coyle 1.00mm Peter Poulton 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK RADIO

Gloria Estefan's Sounds of Miami

Jeremy Paxman retakes the chair in a new

series of the university quiz (BBC2, Som)

wild. A huge male croc which has been hanging about a campsite in northern Australia gives I win the chance to put theory into practice. A film of considerable drama, much of it generated by Irwin himself, shows him catching the creature in a ner and giving it a lesson in human avoidance. The scary part, however, is removing the net while no fewer than eight people sit on the animal to ensure that it does not thrash out.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Tricky father-daughter relationships are explored in a film by Edmund Coulthard and Anne Parisio in which a powerful common factor is the absence of the mother. Learners parents separated when she was three and her father did not see her again for eight years. Now IS, she has gone to live with him after problems with Murn. With so little experience of fatherhood he finds it difficult, and Learnne is nothing if not her own woman. Victoria's parents divorced when she was nine. We meet her on the eye of her. 19th birthday, having taken up with a boyliriend of whom her father strongly disapproves. Libby, 18, has never got over the death of her mother and she and her father have struggled to relate to each other. But in all three cases the couples move towards an accommodation. A film on mothers and sons is showing next week.

Peter Waymark

ATHLETICS

Yates happy to reflect positive team spirit

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

JONATHAN Edwards asked yesterday for his name to be kept on the Great Britain team-sheet for the World Cup, despite saying at the weekend that his season was over. However, it was the stance of Matthew Yates that best Illustrated the new esprit de corps in British athletics. Yates, the tongue of the track, had no complaint when another athlete leapfrogged over him into

the team When the line-up was announced nine days ago. Yates was named as a travelling However. John Mayock has dropped out, leaving a vacancy at 3.000 metres. Instead of picking Yates, the selectors promoted Neil Caddy ahead of him.

Yates, one imagined, would have something to say. He did, but it was not what the militant Yates of old would have said.

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twice this season, winning the men's European Cup and finishing top of the medals table at the European championships in Budapest, the feelgood factor is in marked contrast to last year, when the team returned without a gold medal from the world championships in Athens and the national governing body went bankrupt. Yet things have changed with Darren Campbell-like speed.

Yates has been so impressed that, not only has he accepted Caddy's selection graciously and agreed to remain as travelling reserve, he also said that he would turn down the chance to compete for the Europe team should an opportunity arise when the athletes assemble in Johannesburg next week for the World Cup from September 11 to 13.

It is a commitment to Britain that could cost him money, After conquering Europe for there is \$50,000 for the



Yates said the mood in the British team was the best that he could remember

winner and money for second and third that patently. Yates cannot compete for if he eschews Europe and no place opens up in the British team.
Should the Europe team

find itself a middle-distance runner short, because of late illness or injury. Yates said that he would decline unless there was still a gap in the Continent's team as the athletes went to the start at a point when it was certain he would not be required by Britain. "If everything is fine, I will run for Europe, but Britain comes first." Yates said.

Once, when Yates was asked why people regarded him as brash, cocky and arrogant, he replied: "Because I am." He threatened a British offical with legal action for comments made when he was omitted from the 1994 European championship team and had the audacity, at the Brussels grand prix of 1991, to ignore orders that he was in the B race. He lined up for the A race, banking correctly on the pressure of live international television schedules preventing officials from causing

No scene this time, though. Yates has been won over by the new regime at the top.

David Moorcroft, who is leading the attempt to set up a new structure for the sport in Britain, Max Jones, the new performance director, and Lorna Boothe, the team manager, were all praised by Yates here last night as he prepared to run in his first grand prix 1,500 metres for

three years. Yates was sixth in the 1,500 metres at the European championships and he is looking forward to the World Cup. "A few years ago, I would have put the letter in the bin, but I am happy now just to be part of the squad," Yates said.

The team spirit is better

Golley: on standby

than it has been in its recent history." Yates said. "I have been in it nearly ten years and

tion like this. The team management has been the best. At the European championships, they stayed in the rooms downstairs and made sure the athletes got the best rooms, which is unheard of in officialdom.

I have never known a situa-

You get positive vibes from being part of the team. Max took me up to his room and talked to me personally about it [Caddy's selection]. When somebody does that, you feel good. Before, you were out and that was it."

Yates opted for acquiescence, though he believes that Anthony Whiteman should have moved from 1,500 metres to take Mayock's place and he should have been put in at 1,500 metres. "Having said that. I do not think Neil Caddy will let us down," he

Jayne Pierce, the Great Britain team spokeswornan, said yesterday that Edwards hoped that his injured ankle might respond to treatment to enable him to compete in the World Cup. Julian Golley, the Commonwealth champion, remains on standby.

SAILING

Chieffi masters course

EUROSIA, the Italian-owned and Loftus's Swan 65, Desper Swan 46, took a firm bold on the Rolex Swan World Cup at Porto Cervo in Sardinia yesterday (Edward Gorman writes). By winning the second race of the series, she took the overall lead with three taces to go.

That, in itself, should not be a surpirse - Eurosia, built in 1985 and owned by Loris Vaccari, has a phenomenally successful record in this event, having won it three times aiready - but yesterday, with Tommaso Chieffi. the America's Cup sailor, at the wheel, she held her own in conditions that should have favoured bigger boats on a 32-mile harbour course. On corrected time, Eurosia

finished 90sec ahead of Rich-

ado, with Russsell Coutts's Swan 60. Innovision 5, third. Full Pelt. Stephen Fein's Swan 48, which won the first race on Monday, was sixth in the second race, leaving ber second overall.

Among other British boats in the 82-strong fleet, Flamboyant, Chris Jago's Swan 44, was a disappointing sixteenth yesterday after finishing ninth in the first race. Adam Gosling's Swan 651, Yes!, got into a tangle with the Swan 56. Fortitude, which sailed over Gosling's spinnaker after the British crew dropped it in the water. The smaller boat had to send two crew members overboard to free the sail before she was able to

continue.

WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 35 CONTANGO

(c) The percentage which a buyer of stock pays to the seller in order to transfer to the next or any further settling day. **ENANTIODROMIA**

(b) The process by which something becomes its opposite, and the subsequent interaction **OBLIGADO**

(b) In November 1845, off Obligado, the Argentine fleet under Admiral Oribe encountered French and British equadrons. The allies forced Oribe to raise the siege of Montevideo and to open the waters of Parona to all nations. DOWITCHER

(b) Any one of three species of snipe between true snipes and sandpipers.

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RADIO CHOICE

Midweek Radio 4, 9am

No amount of prediction, speculation and gossip during the run-up to Radio 4's April upheaval could dislodge Midweek from the schedule, and rightly so. The programme returns from its summer break today, with Linby Purves of The Times continuing to chair a show whose strength lies in its refusal to have guests who are necessarily famous, or being wheeled out to plug a book, film or television series. Those are the easy options that Midweek avoids and the result is a programme Midweek avoids and the result is a programme with a distinctive voice on which the guests are merely interesting. Pete Goss, the yachtsman who gave up his own chances in a round-the-world yacht race to rescue a French competitor, is among the guests today.

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7.00am Bill Overton and Kirsty Young 9.00 Scott Chisholm 11.00 Lorraine Kelly 1.00pm Anna Raebum 3.00 Torrniny Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins and the Creatures of the Night 3.00 Bill Overton

6.00am On Air. Presented by Petroc Trelawny. Includes Franck (Symphonic Varietions for Plano and Orchestral, Schubert (Quarter Movement In C minor); Chopin (Berearolle) Masterworks, Includes Shostakovich (Ballet

9.00 Masterworks, includes Shoslakovich (Ballet Suite No. 1); Berlicz (La Mort O'Ophelie); Fauré (Bercarolles in A minor, Op. 101; in A minor, Op. 104 No. 2; in G minor, Op. 105; in E flat, Op. 105; in C, Op. 115); Strauss (Sextet, Capriccio); Lutoslavski (Variations on a Theme of Peganini).

10.30 Artist of the Weelc Barbara Bonney.

11.00 Sound Stortes: Librettists — de Ponte.

12.00 Composers of the Weelc Elser and Well.

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtiste Concert, Live from the Adrian Boult Hall in the Stimingham. Conservatore, lan Fountain, plano. Besthoven (Sonata in E minor, Op. 90); Scriabin (Sonata No. 7, White Mass); Beethoven (Sonata in F sharp, Op. 78); Wagner, transc Liszt (Lebestod, Tristen and

78); Wagner, transc Liszt (Liebestod, Tristen and

Isolde)

2.00 BBC Proms 98. Friday's Prom (r)

4.00 Choral Feethval. Recorded in the Priory Church, Edington, Wiltshire. Includes Motel: Videntes Stellam (Povlenc). Hymn: As With Gladness Men of Old (Dix). Reading: Journey of the Magi (T.S. Biot). Charit: Omnes de Saba (mode V).

Organist Robert Quinney
5.00 In Trune, with Sean Rafferty
7.00 BBC Proms 98, Live from the Albert Hall, London.
Altred Brendel, plano, BBC Symphony Orchestra
under Manifred Honeck, Webern (Im
Sommewind); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in
G) 7.55 Altred Brendel Interviewed 8.15 Concert,
part two. Proboliev (Symphony No 5)
9.20 Postscript: Role Play (3/5) (i)
9.45 Streuss. (Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments)
London Winds under Michael Collins, clarinet
10.00 BBC Proms 98, Live from the Albert Hall,
London, Mana Friedman, singer, BBC Singers,
Matrix Ensemble under Robert Ziegler, Ester (Little
Symphony; Nann's Song); Wellt (Pirate Jenny);
Eister (To a Portable Radio; Song of the Naci
Soldier's Wife); Eister (Bilder aus der Kriegsfibet,
Madam's Song); Wellt (Barbara Song); Eister (To
Those Born Later 1 and 2); Wellt (Carnon Song);
Eister (Suite No 2: Niemandsland: Ballad of the
Jewish Whore (Mane Sanders); Wasman (Alone in
a Big City); MacKeben (The Night Is Not Only for
Sleeping)

a Big City); MacKeben (The Night Is Not Only for Sleeping)
11.30 Jazz Notes, with Alyn Shipton
12.00 Proms Composer of the Weelc Sibelius (f)
1.00em Through the Night

6.00am Today, with James Naughtie and John Humphrys. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 9.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 9.00 Midweek. A new series of the discussion programme with the Times columnist Libby Purves. See Choice 9.45 (LW) Daily Service 9.45 (LW) Daily Service 9.45 (FM) All Points North, by Simon Armitage (3/5) 10.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray 11.00 News; Crimescapes: David Craig. Leslie Forties investigates six omne witers (r) 11.30 Purchtines: Improvisation. Hugh Denns presents a series looking at different styles of cornedy

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12.00 (FM) News; You and Yours, with Liz Barciay and Mark Whittaker 12.57 Weather

12.00 (LW) News Headline; Shipping Forecast

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.30 X Marks the Spot. The cryptic quiz presented by Pete McCarthy in which three panellists rices angient the cricel to leader a present process. against the clock to locate a mystery British

2.00 News; The Archers (r)
2.15 Afternoon Pfay: The Beat Goes On: A Song for Jake, by Winsome Pinnock The last of four plays chatting the musical lives of a black family. With Patrice Naiambana, Paul Barber and David

Sampson

3.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Nigel
Colbom, Bob Rowerdew and Anne Swithinbank
answer questions posed by gardeners from
Merseyside With chairman Enc Robson (r)

3.30 Original Features: Plaster Troptcana. Frank
Wilson meets self-confessed DIY queen Tanya
Thome, who has lashioned the tront of her Cardiff
lerrece on a desert island theme — complete with
shippareck, treasure chest and parrol

shipwreck, treasure chest and perrol 3.45 On the Fringe, Raiph Risch reads The Trendelenberg Position by Alasdair Gray

4.00 News; All in the Mind. A new series of the programme focusing on psychological and psychiatric matters. Presented by Professor

4.30 Thinking Allowed, with Laune Taylor and guests
5.00 PM, with Charle Lee-Potter and Chris Lows 5.54
(LW) Shipping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Dam and Nick The Wildebeest Years, with Dan
Freedman and Nick Proposets

Freedman and Nick Romero (f)

7.00 News: The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Mark
Lawson reviews He Gol Garne, the latest film from
Spike Lee, starming Denzel Washington

7.45 Dear Jayne Browne (3/5) (f)

8.00 News; Inside Out. Lesley Riddoch charts 8
debate about controlling registration

debate about controlling prostitution

8.45 Letters of Complaint. Tony Hawks investigates the art of complaining (r)

9.00 News; Enright's Universe; Secret Space. Leo Enright investigates undercover military space.

Engot investigates undercover managery missions
9.30 Midweek (r)
10.00 The World Tonight. Presented by Isabel Hillion
10.45 Book at Bedtimer: First Love. Ivan Turgener's classic story of adolescent awakering, transleted by Isabel Berlin, read by Nigel Anthony, abridged by Doreen Estall (3/5) (r)
11.00 Late Night on 4: Hearing with Hegley. The post John Hegley reads more of his verse

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11.15 The Goldfish Bowl. Shaun Prendergas's tale of two pet fish With Hamish McCotl and Sean Foley.

11.30 The Nustas. More music and cornedy. With Suc Collins. Anne Gildea and Karen Egan (f).

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Tales From Ovid, by Ted Hughes, the Poet Laureale ft).

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World. Service 5.30 World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today, with Anna Hill.

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Nature: enough to scare the pants off you

f you asked most people to name the three things their lives were most lacking, they'd probably say exactly the same thing you and I would, namely: "World peace, good health for all, and a few more mammoths cantering around the local park". Luckily for us there's a man in Japan who aims to achieve the mammoth part of this dream. His name is Professor Kazufumi Goto and he spent last summer on the banks of the Kolyma River with his team of Japanese researchers and local hunters, looking for carcasses of frozen mammoths.

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Professor Goto's aim, as he told us in Equinox (Channel 4), is to bring back to life something that has been dead for years - no, not Bill Clinton's sense of shame, but the mammoth. I'd ask you to guess how he plans to do this, only we'd be here all day. You see, Goto's plan is to find a perfectly preserved mammoth and then to extract its

sperm — which goes at least some lieves that his crossbreed would be way towards explaining why he has waited for the mammoth to evolve into an extremely nonactive state before interfering with its sperm store. It's not a project you'd want to tackle if e mammoth were just having his afternoon nap, because he might wake up halfway through in a state of dozy confusion, not completely sure which of his two tusks he should skewer you with in order to teach

kind of thing in mammoth society. Goto's hunch is that if he can find deep-frozen sperm carrying only the X chromosome (you'll need very good eyesight if you want to try this experiment at home), end then uses them to impregnate a female Asian elephant, he could produce a hybrid - half elephant, half mammoth. By repearing this process over three generations with his new elemoth (mammophant?), Goto be-

you that they don't approve of that

88 per cent mammoth.

The problem for the film-makers, and the even bigger problem for Professor Goto, was that after poking around in the ice all summer with his pole he found not a sausage, let alone a sperm, let alone a sperm carrying only the X chromosome. This left the documentary team with the scientific challenge known as "padding out the footage to fill the one-hour Equinox time-slot".

o we heard plenty of specula-tion about why mammoths died out 10,000 years ago. after roaming the Earth happily for the previous five million years. Nothing wrong with that, and much of the speculation was fascinaring (mammoth-wise), but it shed little light on Goto's battle to resurrect the beast.

Anyway, why did they die out? If I can sum up the scientific research

REVIEW

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so far: nobody has a clue. Climatic change? A deluge? Geological shifts that created giant sinkholes into which mammoths lumbered? Were they perhaps hunted to extinction by man?

Chances are that mammoths too, were victims of El Niño, the subject of one of the two other nature films shown tast night. Along with Goto's Equinox, these three films between them traced

by natural history programmes. In BBC2's Nature Special: Living with El Niño, Julian Pettifer travelled the world trying to unravel the mystery of the weather cycle called El Niño.

Many of us who have measured out our lives in news bulletins might have assumed that El Niño was a recent phenomenon. But El Niño has occurred for thousands of years and Pettifer did a stolid job of clinging on to its coat-tails to show us how the appearance and disappearance of abundant wildlife mirrors the march of E(Niño.

So why do we notice it so much more now? Because man is messing more with our ecology deforestation, factory-fishing, and so on — which has amplified the effects of the El Niño cycle. Left to itself, without interference from man. Nature has always managed to restore the ecological balance. The footage of animals was won-

unhysterical (if occasionally a little earnest). It was the sort of intelligent, informative, unsensational nature programme you rarely see on television any more.

hy? Because it is giving way to programme as Orang-Utan Rescue (BBCI), in which Michaela Strachan fronted the "nature programme as emotional soap opera": senier subject, sexier presenter: Nature Lite. Pettifer had drawn our attention to the terrible plight of the orang-utans in Borneo, whose habitat had been wrecked by El Niño-fuelled forest fires. Strachan focused only on the orang-utans, descending by helicopter on an orang-utan rescue centre, dressed in the traditional wildlife

rescue gear of blue hotpants. On her first mission into the wilderness with the centre's (eader. Dr Willie Smits, Michaela recov-

the range of approaches now taken derful, and Pettifer's narration ered a baby orang-utan that had been caged for two years. Michaela hugged it and wept. Smits explained that spots and discoloration on the orang-utan signified that the poor animal was riddled with parasites and would need special medication. Michaela

wept more. Then he told Michaela that since she'd been hugging the animal she too would need the same medication. You'd have needed to replay the videotape very slowly to register the momentary (ook of panic that flashed through Michaela's eyes, without ever dis-

rupting her smile.
But I couldn't help noticing that the next time we saw her holding an orang-utan she was wearing rubber gloves and had a large towel draped across her chest. Then the hotpants went, too. replaced by long trousers. Isn't the power of Nature just so chilling? Personally, I blame El Niño.

BBC1 in Sec 6.00am Business Breakfast (39753) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (74127) 9.00 Sex Wars Why do so many men resent or

9.40 Breakers Reuben decides to try a new tack with Terri (7983802) 10.05 Top Tip Challenge With guests Fem Britton, Deborah McAndrew, Peter Kay

and Jeremy Spake (9940531) 10.30 Dally Live (T) (4544685) 10.55 News (T) regional news (1188821)

11.00 Style Challenge The right style answers for a fecturer and student (1105598) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (1108685) 11.55 News (T) (7201685)

12.00 Through the Keyhole (1) (7127208) 12.25pm Wipeout Paul Daniels hosts the game show (7139043)

12.50 The Weather Show (T) (17688840) 1.00 One O'Clock News (1) and weather (24604)

1.30 Regional News (41243840) 1:40 Neighbours Caitin loses her rag with Nick and Miss Boyd (1) (97499956) 2.05 Breakers (r) (29275043)

2,25 Quincy (r) (7965111) 3.15 The Weether Show (r) (1) (2844840) 3.25 Orville and Cuddles (r) (5931043) 3.30
Playdays (r) (7033482) 3.50 The Busy
World of Richard Scarry (r) (7020918)
4.10 Ace Venture: Pet Detective (r) (T)

(6561579) 4.35 The Wild House (r) (T) (3616579) 5.00 Newsround Visiting a traditional Dayak village in Indonesia devastated by last year's bush fires (T) (8810531)

5.10 Byker Grove (r) (T) (6153531) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (278260) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (43) 6.30 Regional News (95)

7.00 The X Creatures Chris Packham unvestigates the clusive giant sould, which gave rise to mariners' tales of the - kraken (3/3)-(T) (5005)

Michael Rodd revisits technological milestones. Last in series (T) (79) 8.00 999 Real-life tales of heroism and bravery (T) (435531)

8.40 The National Lottery Draw All Saints join Bob Monkhouse, celebrating the anniversary of their debut on the show (T) (354395)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (1) (3482) 9.29 National Lottery Update (T) (712956) 9.30 One Foot in the Grave Victor tempts fate by agreeing to look after neighbours Patrick and Pippa's house while they're

away (r) (T) (25802) 10.00 K2 (1991). Daredevil triends Michael Blehn and Matt Craven set out to climb the world's second highest mountain. Directed by Franc Roddam (T) (433666) 11.50 That's Carry On (1978) Kenneth
Williams and Barbara Windsor reminisce
about some of the series' furnier
moments. Directed by Gerald Thomas

1.20am Weather (3183131) 1.25 BBC News 24

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BBC2 6.10am Beating the Morning Rush (9430666) 6.35 Problems with Patterns (T) (5699463)

7.00 Spider (r) (4057937) 7.05 Teletubbles (r) (1838289) 7.30 Mr Benn (r) (2757937) 7.45 Smurls' Adventures (r) (4197598) 8.10 The Really Wild Show (r) (T) (4309821) 8.35 X-Men (6517647)

9.05 Sweet Valley High (3280531) 9.30 Smart (r) (T) (32192) 10.00 Biskitts (9949802) 10.25 Bioliys (9653753) 10.40 Teletubbies (4521734) 11.10 Toonatics (7897192) 11.45 Hawkeye (7592531)

12.30pm Working Lunch (43208) 1.00 The Beechgrove Garden (24686) 1.30 People'e Century (1) (T) (5283208) 2.25 The Phil Silvers Show (22314424) 2.50 News (T) (9904918) 2.55 Wildlife on Two (r) (T) (4030482) 3.25 News (T) (5939685) 3.30 Glynn Christian Tas Thailand (1010802) 3.55 Real Rooms (7034111)

4.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (6086685) 4.50 Esther (8140289) 5.25 Call My Bluff (8189956) 5.50 Lifetine (238043) 8.00 Star Trak: The Next Generation (r) (T)

6.45 Notting Hill Carnival Curtis Walker and Gina Yashere go the world's biggest party and meet celebrities including Mica Paris, The Prodley's Maxim Reality Gladiator Saracen end Casualty's Patterson Joseph (857043)

7.30 Private Investigations The dangers of genetically modified maze crops; the healing claims of a Pentecostal church "bishop" (T) (21) University University



Clarissa and Jennifer are back in the cookery habit (8.30pm)

8.30 Two Fat Ladies New series.
The dup visit the runs of Kylemore Abbey in Connemara, Ireland

9.00 Dad's Army Sergeant Wilson has difficulty concentrating on his Home Goard duties when e personal problem rears its head (r) (T) (1024)

9.30 The Hanging Gale Last in the series of the period drama, starring the McGann brothers, Michael Kitchen and Flona Victory (r) (T) (12444) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (708531)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights A look at children's entertainment at the Festival (134192) 12.00 Grace Under Fire (8326357) 12.25am Weather (4800048)

12.30 Learning Zone: The Interactive Zone (9369048) 12.35 Venus Unwelled (9715883) 1.00 Design for an Afen World (80203) 1.30 Mapping the Milky Way (28951) 2.00 The Greats (30932) 4.00 Learning Languages (58574) 5.00 RCN Nursing Update (7102512) 5.45 Shaping Up (83932)

8.00am GMTV (1393685)

9.25 Vanessa (T) (6920314) 10.15 This Morning (T) (84513005) 12.15pm Regional News (2690918) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) and weather

1.00 Shortland Street (97192) 1.30 Home and Away frene hads herself baltling with temptation (T) (426869)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (3552550)

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2.45 Dale'e Supermarket Sweep (T) (418840)3.15 News (T) (5937227)

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5.10 Primetime Diary (9802173) 5.10 Kldstuff (9802173) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (T) (184482) 8.00 Home and Away (587821) 6.25 Wales Tonight (799395) 6,25 HTV Weather (102289)

6.30 The West Tonight (63) 7.00 Emmerdale Tara has upsetting news for Bift. Mandy can't keep Paddy's secret.

Jack and Sarah fall out (T) (5983) 7.30 Coronation Street (T) (85463)

8.30 The Estate Agents New series giving a behind-the-scenes look at the work of estate agents. Bristol agent lan Clark is under pressure as he faces choosy firsttime buyers, inexperienced trainees and eccentric house sellers (T) (8956)



Open wide: a close-up look at e

9.00 Deadly Crocodiles
Australian wildlife expert Steve
Irwin aims to leach crocodiles which are a threat to human beings to change their ways and avoid people (T) (4463)

10:00 News at Ten (T) (98260) 10.30 Regional News (821531)

10.40 On Deadly Ground (1994) With Steven Seagal, Michael Caine and Joan Chen.
Thriller with an ecological theme about a fire expert who specialises in putting out fires. Directed by Steven Seagal (96012753)

12.35am Fort Apache, The Bronx (1981) With Paul Newman and Edward Asner. The story of life in e Bronx police station and the cop who puts his career on the line to expose a murderous colleague. Directed by Daniel Petrie (97156222)

2.45 One Summer in Bronte Country (T) (9061203)

3.10 Vanessa (r) (T) (1031864) 4.00 Cybernet (10929) 4.30 Coronation Street (r) (T) (73883) 5.30 News (72785)

CENTRAL

As HTV West excent 1.00pm Echo Point (97192) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7564314) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9802173)

6.25 Central News (595840) 6.55-7.00 Lifeline (548227) 12.30am FILM: The Island (67425)

3.45 Cybernet (85032086) 4.10 Central Jobfinder '98 (8184203)

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1.00 Emmerdale (97192) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7564314) 5.08 Birthday People (1759289)

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As HTV West except: 12.15-12.30 News and Weather (2690918) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9802173)

6.30-7.00 Rummage (63) 10.40 The Boad Show (781173)

11.10 Renegade (262314) 12.05am Tales from the Crypt (8300319) 4,30 ITV Nightscreen (98222)

1,00pm-1.30 Dinosaurs (97192) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9802173) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (799395) S4C Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (92647) 9.00 The Bigger Breakfast (15937)

9.30 Saved by the Bell (27260) 10.00 Hang Time (2639227) 10.40 Sister Sister (4516802) 11.10 Wise Up (7882260)

11.45 Madison (7527227) 12.30pm Happy Days (38376) 1.00 Slot Metthrin (57280937) 1.15 Smot y Ct (57278192)

1.40 FILM: Cockleshell Heroes (66846289) 3.30 Watercolour Challenge (69)

4.30 Ricki Lake (60)

5.15 Celfagati (8822376) 5.30 Countdown (40)

6.10 Heno (530579) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (421111) 7.25 Ffermio (617647)

8.00 Gair Am Aur (7463) 8.30 Newyddion (6598)

10.00 Brookside (657173) 10.35 Ally McBeal (567111)

2.30 Summer in Brante Country (97154)

3.00 Vanessa (1051628) 5.20 Asian Eye (9624116)

WESTCOUNTRY

12.15pm Westcountry News (2690918)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9802173) 8.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (48753)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (11)

5.00 Freescreen (75883) ANGLIA As HTV West except:

1.30 Collectors' Lot (41236550)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (76)

5.00 5 Pumo (5302666)

8.00 Newyddion 6 (958395)

9.00 Armistead Maupin's More Tales of the City (2005)

11,30 Edinburgh or Bust (86598) 12.00am Under the Moon (8241222) 4.00 Diwedd (527999)

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6.00am Sesame Street (/) (22463) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (T) (92647)

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12.30pm | Dream of Jeannie (38376) 1.00 Home to Roost Henry and Matthew have very different ideas about what makes a perfect cleaning woman. With John Thaw and Reece Dinsdale (i) (2819519)

1.35 Collectors' Lot (41226173) 1.50 No Trees In the Street (1964) Sylvia Syms, Joan Miller and Herbert Lom star in this melodrama about life in a London slum in 1938. A woman tries to force her daughter to marry the local criminal big-shot. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (T)

(51315821) 3.30 Watercolour Challenge (T) (69) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (76) 4.30 Countdown (T) (3600918) 4.55 Ricki Lake: I'm Angry What Are You Gonna Do About It! (1) (T) (8167956) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (40) 6.00 Caroline in the City Caroline offers

Richard his old position back (T) (585463)

6.25 Suddenty Susan Susan's traditional Thanksgiving dinner for her triends turns into a disaster (T) (666802) 6.50 Fresh Pop (263024)

7.00 News and weather (216109) 7.55 Spotlights (579482) 8.00 Brookside Marcus gatecrashes Ollie and Eleanor's celebration; and can Mike stop Ron discovering the truth about

Jacqui? (T) (7463) 8.30 Deals on Wheels Mike and Richard lift the bonnets of a VW Golf, a BMW 325, a VW Corrada and an American Cadilla and John travels from Scotland to Suffolk In search of his dream car (6598)



Like father, like daugher.

9.00 PAGE Daddy's Girl Two revealing films, from Edmund Coulthard and Anne Parislo, explore the relationships between parents and their offspring. The awkward stage between childhood and adulthood often strains the tamity bond to the limits (T) (2005)

10.00 Ally McBeal Whipper breaks up with Fish, and Cage undergoes therapy" (T) (955227) 10.55 Cybill After Virginia, Cybill's mother dies, Cyb discovers that there might have been more to her mother's love life than she

believed (T) (961173) 11.30 Edinburgh or Bust (86598) 12.00 Under the Moon Interactive sports programme (8241222)

4.00am Trackside (r) (90241) 4.30 Gamesmaster (r) (T) (96864) 5.00 Trans World Sport (r) (1462680)

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8.00am 5 News and Sport (6979666)

7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (19528-10) 7.30 Milkshake! (5932956) 7.35 Dappledown Farm (r) (1009227) 8.00 Havakazoo (9114444) 8.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks)r) (9146043)

9.00 Okavango (5946314) 9.25 Legend of the Hidden City (3477579) 10.20 Sunsel Beach (T) (4978111) 11.10 Leeza (r) (7538555)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (9117531) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (2426005) 1.00 The Boid and the Beautiful (T) (1951111) 1.30 Sons and Daughters (2425376) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (7896505) 2.30 Open House with Gloria Hunniford (3697550) 3.30 The Sunshine Boys (1994) Cornedy with Woody Allen and Peter Fall. Ageing vaudeville legends perform together after being at odds with one another for years.

Directed by John Erman (2490753) 5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: The Bride Who Couldn't Remember Her Husband (9474956)

5.00 100 Per Cent (4598937) 6.30 Family Affairs Annie declares that she wants to give birth at home (T) (4589289) 7.00 5 News (T) (6021591)

7.30 Where the Bison Roam A look at Montana's prairies, home to golden eagles, rattlesnakes, birds and mammals (T) (4578173)

8.00 The Pepst Chart Dr Fox introduces the week's top chart acts (6221799)



Junior Simpson is the guiding light

8.30 in the Dark Game show played in pitchblack environments. Hosled by Junior Simpson (T) (1071096)

9.00 The Stranger Beside Me (1995, TVM)
Drama with Tiflani-Amber Thlesson, Enc
Close and Gerald McRaney, Mamage turns sour when a husband is accused of voyeunsm and rape. Directed by Sandor

10.50 Not the Jack Docherty Show Melinda Messenger stands in as host of the chat

11.30 Compromising Situations Erotic drama (994 1555) 12,05am Major League Baseball -- Live (89333661)

4.40 Madman of the People Comedy series (37293883) 5.05 Throb (68779512)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (4551845)

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Redknapp ready to reignite his England career

ATHLETICS 38 Golley stands by to replace injured Edwards



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Crawley preferred for final place

Hick's career turns to ashes after rejection

IN ALL of sport, there will have been nobody more devastated vesterday than Graeme Hick. In the early morning moments at a Taunton hotel, where he took a telephone call from David Graveney and heard the reality of rejection from England's Ashes plans, Hick will have felt a large part of his world crumbling.
Only last Thursday, he

scored a Test match century at the Oval. Even if the caution born of long and turbulent experience told him to make no assumptions, his subconscious would have begun to make plans for winter in Aus-Iralia. II would have been superhuman not to do so.

Yet, within 24 hours, John Crawley had made a century of greater conviction and significance. The selectors, divided over the virtues of the pair and certain only that one

DAVID LLOYD, whose pas-

sion for all things English has

been so instrumental io the

improved atmosphere and performance of the national

team, has endangered his posi-

tion as coach by turning that

very virtue into a destructive

enemy (Alan Lee writes). Lloyd faces an unpleasant

session with the officers of the England and Wales Cricket

Board (ECB), possibly today, at which his ill-judged remarks questioning the action

of Mutuah Muralitharan, the

Sri Lanka off-spinner, will be

Yesterday, Tim Lamb, chief executive of the ECB, con-

demned Lloyd's comments as

inappropriate and insensi-

tive". The board is also upset

investigated.

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come together for what Graveney, their chairman, called the most difficult decision t have been involved in". Compared with this, the rest of the tour party was chosen easily. Even the one selection to cause wide surprise, that of Peter Such, was simplified by a shortage of plausible opposi-

tion in the spin bowling department and a reluctance to return to the evidently untrusted Philip Tufnell. Dean Headley's inclusion will have dismayed Ed Gid-

dins and further disillusioned Andy Caddick, but the choice of Warren Hegg as second wicketkeeper was made for thoughtful, valid reasons and the additional place created for Alex Tudor acknowledges the urgent need to identify and promote a bowler of genuine

It is a largely unexceptiona-ble squad, arrived at by a

at reports that Lloyd confront-

ed Geoffrey Boycott in a televi-

sion commentary box oo Mon-

day, over personal remarks made on air, and says that both matters are being taken

very seriously".

A wide range of sanctions

could be levied upon him, in-cluding instant dismissal

from a contract that runs to the end of the World Cup next

summer. Lloyd's position is all the more vulnerable as he

was severely reprimanded by

the likeliest outcome to a regrettable episode. To dismiss Lloyd for such a transgression

would be an over-reaction.

Lloyd in hot water

twice with ECB

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series of debates between the four selectors and after canvassing many independent views. It is a squad that gives England their best chance in a decade of regaining the Ashes

— but try telling that to Hick.

For four years, during
which he has been loudly laud-

ed and vituperatively derided by a public he has unwittingly polarised, Hick has dreamed of returning to Australia. Last time he toured there, he was 98 not out when Michael Atherton declared, "I want to get back to Sydney," he said with relish, recently. "It owes me a couple of runs."

The dream was shattered in the cruellest way, for the selectors offered him a lifeline after his feeble failures against South Africa, and he took it gratefully. Then they cut the rope, leaving Hick confused and distraught.

Graveney cannot have enjoyed the conversation. "It's the worst part of this job. To say he is bitterly disappointed understates the case, but that is as it should be," he said. That Hick should respond with appropriate emotion may be thought ironic, for if only his batting had displayed similar passion, rather than the inhibitions that too often shackle him, he might well be touring.

Crawley is a lucky man. He would not even have played at the Oval but for the groin injury that incapacitated Nasser Hussain, and then there would have been no doubt which of the two would have gone. As it was, he made his case eloquently and he travels in a utility role, standing by to open the batting if needed.

the ECB for an incident in Bul-It would be wrong to label awayo, Zimbabwe, two win-A further warning seems

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years without a Test cap he has been the most effective spinner in county cricket. He has profited, however, from the failure of lan Salisbury. the suspicion that Ashley Giles is not good enough and the tendency to categorise Tufnell among those whose pres-ence does little to sustain tour-

ing equilibrium.

Most of all, Such has been picked on the theory that an off-break bowler in alliance with a left-arm seam bowler. Alan Mullally, can be an effective weapon on Australian pitches. He will certainly be a popular tourist, something that applies equally to Hegg. and while nobody should be in-cluded merely for being a good guy, Graveney emphaised that personalities were closely assessed.

Caddick will be one whose undoubted credentials - he is the leading wicket-taker this season and took another eight yesterday — were countered by an impression that he seldom produces his best under

The team, under Adam Hol-licake, to play in the ICC Trophy in Bangladesh next month includes two old faces in Jack Russell and Neil Fairbrother, largely because the decision not to send senior Test players came with a compromise that the chosen men would all have international experience.

By contrast, the A team to tour Zimbabwe and South Africa. captained by Michael Vaughan, contains only one man with a Test cap, Andrew Flintoff. All of the 15 par Jason Lewry have graduated through the under-19 side. though surprisingly only two of this summer's successful team are included and Owais Shah, the captain, is left out.

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Graf takes hard road to victory

THE firm impression from Steffi Graf's opening-round victory in the US Open here vesterday was that she may have lost the ability to cruise. Each match now has to be won the hard way, as it was with her 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Corina Morariu, of the United States.

Morariu, world ranked No 32, was not expected to trouble the German. Yet, the outcome was in the balance until Graf, five times a US Open champion, gathered herself for the final push. Her confidence melted in mild sunshine in the second set, when Morarin was allowed a glimpse of victory. It was so unlike the Graf of old. who would have dismissed her opponent with barely a flick of her forehand.

The worrying aspect for Graf, 29, is that she should have been thriving after her tournament victory in New Haven on Saturday. Her victories over Lindsay Davenport and Jana Novotna to secure her first title in 16 months should have strengthened her brittle spirits. Her latest comeback from injury has run for three months but, before Saturday, she had yet to master an opponent in the top ten. All that should have been purged by her weekend triumph.

It was not. Graf opened the match with a flurry of forehand winners, breaking Morariu in the opening game repelling

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK opponent's counter-attack midway through the set. The out-come looked a formality when Graf secured that sel with a drop shot so sublime that one almost felt for Morariu. She would surely perish quickly under Graf's inevitable

assault She did not. Morariu found her range on her errant first service, aiming all her artillery at Graf's backhand. As Morariu's confidence lifted, so Graf's accuracy deserted her. The ruthless streak within this famed player was nowhere to be seen. She became tentative, made unforced errors aplenty. and it was Morariu who held firm when serving to level the



Sampras: easy passage

set point underlined her rising potential fourth-round oppoambition and Graf, seeded nent for Tim Henman, belted down 21 aces in the course of No 8 on the strength of her rephis 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 victory. "I

utation, looked anything but the winner of 104 tournaments. "I just sat down after the second set and told myself that this was not the way to continue," she said. "I needed a better attitude and it helped that I played well last week."

Graf was understandably keen to emphasise the positive. She believes that she is progressing all the time. "A couple of weeks ago my attitude wasn't so good because I hadn't played enough," she said, "but that is changing. I must get more consistent and improve my physical strength. It will help me a lot that I was able to turn this match around in the second set."

Even when she rallied to break Morariu's resilience early in the third set, Graf's demeanour never changed. She had been forced to abandon her instincts and chisel out her where she will play Marlene Weingartner, a qualifier from Germany. Graf, plainly searching for her assertive qualities, can expect less resist ance from her compatriot.

In the men's marches, Mark Philippoussis overwhelmed Christian Ruud, of Norway despite the fact that the under dog opened brightly. Philip-poussis, who lurks as a

ed to be serialised throughout

the week including his belief in the value of faith-healing.

which is not shared by many

in the squad.

Hoddle will explain his thoughts to the media this morning, so it was left yester-

day to Peter Taylor, the Eng-

land Under-21 coach, to play

down the affair. "I would be

staggered if there was any

problem between the Eng-

land management and Tony,"

Taylor said. "We respect him.

late on Monday night, after a comfortable victory over Mare-Kevin Göllner. Of the 16 men's seeds, none was set a more demanding first-round assignment than Jonas Bjorkman. The Swede, seeded No 12, came through in Wiser Agassi, page 37

haven't done well this summer

but the good thing is that I am

feeling great at the moment."

Philippoussis said.

five difficult sets against Ce-

who missed a seeded berth by

one world-ranking place.

Bjorkman, who triumphed

6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, next faces

Jonathan Stark. Pete. Sam-

pras, the No l seed, pro-

gressed to a second-round

meeting with Paul Goldstein

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Adams 'entitled to views'

THE Football Association did its best yesterday to insist that Tony Adams's controversial book involved only the sharpening of pencils rather than knives. While the latest spilling of secrets from the England camp makes fascinating reading, however, it can only have heightened the pressure on Glenn Hoddle to ensure that he has the ultimate ri-

poste to his growing band of critics - a successful team. Hoddle chose to keep his counsel yesterday over Adams's accusations that he treated his players like children, belittled David Beckham in training and chose the wrong captain in Alan Sbearer. He had already read a draft manuscript which he discussed with the Arsenal defender and will pick him in the opening European championship qual-

ifying match in Sweden.

Whatever his private

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thoughts. Hoddle could hardly have acted in any other way. In appearing to break some of the trust and confidentiality that should exist between a manager and his players through the publication of his own World Cup Diary, the England coach would have laid himself open to accusa-tions of hypocrisy had he tried to silence his players.

As Brendan Batson, deputy chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said yesterday: "After Glenn's book it is now open season." While few of Adams's World Cup revelations will have shocked any of the England party, the publicis-ing of grievances has come at a bad time with so much attention being paid to his own scribblings

More criticisms are expect-

If that is what Tony feels, he is only being honest."
David Davies, the FA's di-

rector of communications, added: 'Tony Adams's views on England's World Cup campaign must be read in full, not in single sentences or as headlines. Glenn and Tony have talked. There is no problem. We are living in 1998, not 1939. and Tony has expressed his honestly-held views."

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